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Meeting Date	October 6, 2020			Report Date	October 2, 2020				
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	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Report Title
COVID 19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Resolution	Relationship to the Strategic Plan/Health Impact Assessment
For Information Only	<p>This report is informed by all of the Strategic Objectives outlined in the City of Greater Sudbury Strategic Plan 2019-2027, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Management and Service Excellence • Business Attraction, Development and Retention • Climate Change • Economic Capacity and Investment Readiness • Housing • Create a Healthier Community • Strengthen Community Vibrancy
Resolution Continued	Background Attached

This report is the eighth Council Update on the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency and builds on the information provided in the previous reports on the April 7, May 5, May 19, June 9, June 23, July 7, August 12, September 8 and September 22 Council Agendas.

There are no financial implications for this report.

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Division Review

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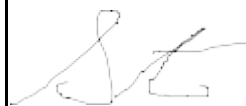
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A: INTRODUCTION

Over the past seven months, the City of Greater Sudbury has effectively responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic; keeping 90% of municipal services continuously available while ensuring the safety of the public and municipal employees. This report contains several updates on municipal services as well as a detailed description of the corporation's contingency planning in the face of an increased threat of a second wave of COVID-19.

All of this effort has been supported by extensive public reporting describing the corporation's service efforts, with due regard for responsible financial management of limited public funds, and with a continued commitment to service delivery that is safe for both employees and citizens.

B: CURRENT CONTEXT

In the past week, Ontario has seen some of the highest numbers of COVID-19 infection since the beginning of the pandemic. The provincial government has increased restrictions on indoor and outdoor gatherings, changed regulations for the operation of bars, and tightened access rules for Long Term Care facilities.

As indicated previously, a local planning group, reporting to the Community Control Group (CCG), has been working for several weeks to ensure that plans are in place to respond to anticipated scenarios.

The Community Control Group continues to meet weekly and the members are acutely aware of the potential for a second wave of infection, particularly as the weather changes and indoor activities become more prevalent.

Details on the financial implications of the corporation's COVID-19 response continue to be provided in reports to the Finance and Administration Committee.

C: CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Mayor Bigger is currently participating in all discussions and meetings of the corporation's Executive Leadership Team and will continue to do so for the duration of the municipal state of emergency. This group is leading the City of Greater Sudbury response to the pandemic and is currently reviewing detailed plans for several possible scenarios.

It is safe to say that staff do not expect that this situation will be fully resolved for many months and that local impacts could increase dramatically in a short period of time. Each division is developing contingency plans to respond in the case of widespread community transmission and/or the impact of employees who are ill or forced to miss work because of the virus.

In many cases, services will be able to continue because of the changes that have been made since March to ensure better physical distancing or remote access. Work from home and other current restrictions are likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

Additional information will be provided as necessary and a more detailed planning update will be included on the October 20 Council Agenda.

D: SERVICE UPDATES

Most services continue unchanged from the last update provided on September 22 but additional details are now available for the following:

Arenas – See Section E below.

Children Services – Licensed childcare has reopened but at limited capacity due to staffing issues. EarlyON Child and Family Centres can fully re-open however they will continue to provide virtual programming while planning for in-person programming at a later date based on screening requirements and provincial results.

Emergency Shelters & Homelessness – Off the Street shelter has relocated to its permanent location at 200 Larch Street effective September 30th 2020. Dividers and pods have been installed for infection prevention. Sudbury Arena drop in closed September 30th and new Homelessness Network Day Centre open daily for access to warm shelter, washrooms, drinking water, wifi, and client navigator services. Increased outreach services added to address increase in people living unsheltered in the community.

Libraries – Neighbourhood libraries will reopen for two days per week, effective October 19. Azilda and Copper Cliff branches will open on Mondays and Wednesdays while Levack/Onaping and Coniston branches will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Main, New Sudbury, South End branches will open from 11:00 to 2:00 on Saturdays and Sundays, effective October 17.

The Lively, Chelmsford and Valley East branches will open from 11:00 to 2:00 on Saturdays, effective October 17.

Recreation – Repairs at Gatchell Pool are now complete and the facility reopened on September 28.

E. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON ARENA REOPENINGS

Council received a report on August 12th outlining the planned approach to the reopening of municipal arenas. The report indicated that through the ice allocation process the City would identify the number of pads to reopen based on demands for ice time. The Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan Review established an ice pad provision target of one ice pad for every 405 youth registrants. The report also noted that adult and commercial user groups will also be surveyed for ice time requirements and based on interest, additional ice pads could be opened.

The report noted the considerations to be used to prioritize the reopening of individual facilities:

- Arena Classification - Class 1 arenas will be open initially. These facilities provide opportunities for daytime, evening and weekend programming throughout the week and schedules will be maximized at these locations first. Should there be sufficient demand, Class 2 arenas will be considered, followed by Class 3 arenas.
- Geographical Considerations – Surveys conducted as part of the Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan review show that a majority of residents will drive up to 20 minutes to access facilities.

- Stakeholder Obligations – Should the seasons of the OHL, U Sports, NOJHL, etc. commence, home facility reopening will be prioritized.
- Facility Layout – Facilities that provide opportunities for physical distancing, sufficient change rooms, etc. will be prioritized over facilities that require significant modifications.
- Minimum Booking Hours - Facilities require a minimum of 20 to 25 hours a week of bookings (depending on area) to justify reopening of an ice pad.

The annual ice allocation meeting with local minor sports associations was hosted on September 16th. Through the allocation process it was determined there are a total of 5204 youth participants for the 2020-2021 season, compared to 5786 the previous season (representing a 10% decrease).

However, considering that leagues and associations will require additional ice time to conduct activities as they are limited to 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 play, the actual number of hours required for the upcoming season is on par with previous years. The following chart details the hours booked per week by facility in comparison with previous season.

Number of Arena Hours Booked per Week			
Arena	2019/20 Season	2020/21 Season	% Change
Cambrian	66.5	62.5	-6%
Capreol (Pad #1)	19	7	-63%
Capreol (Pad #2)	29	28.5	-2%
Carmichael	68	67	-1%
Centennial	51	46.5	-9%
Chelmsford	56.5	57	1%
Dr. Edgar Leclair	60	55.5	-8%
Garson	61	59.5	-2%
Countryside (Pad #1)	56.5	57	1%
Countryside (Pad #2)	45.5	62.5	37%
IJ Coady	22.5	19.5	-13%
McClelland	59	58.5	-1%
Raymond Plourde	62	59	-5%
TM Davies	72.5	72	-1%
Toe Blake	54	52	-4%
Sudbury	72.5	72.5	0%
Total	855.5	836.5	-2%

Based on demand, it was determined 15 of the City's 16 ice pads had sufficient demand to operate for the upcoming season. Arenas Section staff have been recalled to prepare facilities with anticipated opening dates for arenas as follows:

Arena	Opening Date
Cambrian	October 5 th
Capreol (Pad #2)	October 5 th
Carmichael	October 12 th
Centennial	October 12 th
Chelmsford	October 5 th
Dr. Edgar Leclair	Opened September 21 st for summer / early fall ice
Garson	Opened September 7 th for summer / early fall ice
Countryside (Pad #1)	Opened August 17 th for summer / early fall ice
Countryside (Pad #2)	Opened August 10 th for summer / early fall ice
IJ Coady	October 5 th
McClelland	October 3 rd
Raymond Plourde	Opened September 14 th for summer / early fall ice
TM Davies	Opened September 7 th for summer / early fall ice
Toe Blake	October 5 th
Sudbury	October 19 th

Capreol Ice Pad #1 only had 7 hours per week requested through the ice allocation process, well short of the established target of 20 to 25 hours per week. Requested ice will be accommodated on Capreol Ice Pad #2 or at Centennial Arena. Additionally, given current provincial restrictions regarding tournaments and gatherings, it is unlikely there will be requests to host tournaments at Capreol Arena for the upcoming season. For these reasons, this ice pad will be placed in care in maintenance for the 2020-2021 season. There may be opportunities for floor sports, alternate programming or alternate use. Should direction be received to reopen Capreol Ice Pad #1, incremental costs including utility, supplies and part time wages, are estimated at \$75,000 for the season.

Previous reports indicated that ice revenues could decline as much as 50% for the upcoming season. Demand analysis indicates that ice revenues will not be as significantly impacted as previously estimated. Revised revenue projections will be included as part of future Finance & Administration Committee reports on the financial impact of COVID-19.

F. NEXT STEPS

CGS staff will continue to support the Community Control Group and actively plan for possible second wave scenarios and potential responses.

Council will receive a more detailed reports on potential second wave impacts to municipal services at the October 20 meeting.

G: REFERENCES

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