

Background

Council endorsed in principle four Large Projects in April 2016. At Council's direction, staff have been working with the project proponents to provide advice to Council about whether, and if so, how, the City of Greater Sudbury can contribute to the projects' completion. Council has received regular updates on the status of the Large Projects, including most recently on April 11, 2017. The report being presented tonight provides an overview of a proposed formal update to Council on each of the four Large Projects.

Large Projects Update to Council – June 2017

As directed by Council, staff have been working with the proponents of the four Large Projects identified by Council, with the objective of ensuring City Council has sufficient, relevant information to make decisions about appropriate next steps.

Council made a conditional commitment to support the development of the Place des arts as part of the 2017 Budget. The remaining three projects have reached a stage where decisions on next steps are appropriate. As such, and with the summer months approaching, staff are recommending that Council receive updates on all four of the projects before the end of June.

Given the size and scope of these projects, staff are recommending two dedicated meetings for council to receive updates on the current situation of all four projects and to make decisions, as appropriate, on the next steps.

The process recommended by staff is as follows.

- Tuesday, June 27 – regularly scheduled meeting of City Council. Start time: 6 p.m.

The agenda for this meeting will be dedicated to the arena/event centre. At this meeting, staff, along with the project consultant, will present an update including recommendations for a preferred site for the arena/event centre, based on the weighted criteria matrix approved by Council on April 11, 2017.

- Wednesday, June 28 – Special City Council Meeting. Start time to be determined.

Staff are recommending that a Special Meeting of Council be held in order to provide ample time for updates on the Place des arts., the Synergy Convention Centre, and the Library/Art Gallery

The agenda for this meeting is expected to include 10-minute presentations for each project:

1. Place des arts – update on funding
2. Synergy Convention Centre – work to date and decision on next steps
3. Library/Art Gallery – work to date and decision on next steps

Staff are recommending that the project updates be split over two meetings due to the anticipated community interest in the projects and the complexity of the discussions, in particular as it relates to the site selection for the arena/event centre.

Next Steps

Staff will work with the staff leads and project proponents to coordinate content and materials for the June 27 and 28 meetings of Council.

Resources

Council Meeting of April 11, 2017:

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1125&itemid=13017&lang=en>

Council Meeting of March 7, 2017:

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1124&itemid=12571&lang=en>

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1124&itemid=12718&lang=en>

Council Meeting of December 13, 2016:

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1034&itemid=12449&lang=en>