



## City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: EESW 2019-28

Date: December 3, 2019

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Business Unit: **Infrastructure & Operations**    Department: **Engineering**

Subject: **Community and Recreation Centre Update**

Closed Session: yes  no

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### Recommendation

That Council refers the Report to Council EESW 2019-28 to the Community Services Committee for a Special Committee Meeting of Council to be preceded by a Public Information Open House for the middle of January 2020.

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### Background

In September 2019 the City awarded MJMA Architects, who have partnered with Mitchell Jensen Architects, a local firm, for design of new Community and Recreation Centre to be located adjacent to Omischl Sports Complex to replace the West Ferris Community Centre.

Since that time, MJMA and their team with the City has established the project schedule. Key phases of the project include: Conceptual / Design, Design Development, Construction Documents, Tendering, Construction and Commissioning. Cost estimates at the completion of the first three phases of the project prior to tendering are key elements of the project.

Although public consultation and functional programming were a significant part of the MURF (2013), Arena Council Sub-committee (2017-2018) and MURF Update (2019), the staff and design team included opportunities for stakeholder input, to confirm functional programming through the design phases. In addition, Council updates have been included as key milestones of the schedule prior to tendering.

The project has broad community interest. Therefore the staff and design team have included at least two public information sessions to allow the community to be updated on the progress of the

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project through the design phases prior to tendering.

The team is expecting to complete the Conceptual and Schematic Phase of the project by the first week of January. During this phase the team has met with stakeholders representing user groups to confirm the functional programming.

A public open house to view design work to date and a presentation to Council to update Council on progress is ideal for mid-January.

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## Financial/Legal Implications

The first update will provide initial cost estimates for the project.

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## Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government |   |

## Specific Objectives

- Develop and provide recreational and community centre services geared to meeting the broad spectrum of needs in the community.
- Ensure an equitable distribution of resources across city neighbourhoods and include residents of all ages.
- Ensure the efficient and effective operations of the city, with particular consideration to the impact of decisions on the property tax base.
- Build on existing sports community to drive sport-tourism.
- Foster the creation of a community with a positive environment that instills pride and confidence and supports a resilient diversified and inclusive economy.

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## Options Analysis

### Option 1:

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This is the recommended option.

**Option 2:**

That Council receives for information the Report to Council and direct staff to continue the design without a further update to Council or a public information meeting to share the progress with the community.

This is not a recommended option.

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**Recommended Option**

That Council refers the Report to Council EESW 2019-28 to the Community Services Committee for a Special Committee Meeting of Council to be preceded by a Public Information Open House for the middle of January 2020.

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Respectfully submitted,

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We concur in this report and recommendation.

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