

MOTION



North Bay, ON January 30, 2024

Subject: Investigating the Future of West Ferris "Sam Jacks" Arena

File No. _____ **Res.** 2024-_____

Moved by Councillor: Inch
Seconded by Councillor: Lowery

Whereas the West Ferris "Sam Jacks" Arena holds significant historical and cultural importance as the birthplace of Ringuette and a centennial build by the men of West Ferris;

And Whereas considering the changing demographics and economic excess, the City of North Bay seeks to make fiscally responsible and sustainable decisions regarding the future of the arena;

And Whereas the environmental impact of demolishing the arena contradicts the city's goals for a net-zero carbon footprint, making the repair of the existing structure a more environmentally responsible choice;

And Whereas the strategic location of the arena in Ferris contributes to the vibrancy and appeal of the community;

And Whereas in light of the economic and sustainable focus, the City recognizes the importance of exploring all available options before committing to a course of action;

And Whereas a Building Condition Assessment is crucial to understanding the repair needs of Sam Jacks Arena, ensuring informed decisions are made regarding its future, whether through repairs or repurposing;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council:

- 1. authorize a Building Condition Assessment for the West Ferris "Sam Jacks" Arena to investigate and evaluate the necessary repairs for its future;
- 2. directs staff to conduct a thorough examination of the historical, cultural, environmental, and economic aspects associated with the repair or potential repurposing of the arena;
- 3. acknowledges the importance of engaging the community, seeking their input and support as decisions are made regarding the future of Sam Jacks Arena;
- 4. commits to transparency and timely communication throughout the assessment process, ensuring residents are informed about the progress and findings;

And Further Be It Resolved that this motion is presented with the understanding that, regardless of the outcome of the new build arena plan, something will need to be done with Sam Jacks Arena.

And Further Be It Resolved that this motion be shared with the City Council and relevant stakeholders, encouraging collaborative efforts towards a sustainable and thriving future for North Bay.

Carried ☐ Carried as amended ☐ Lost ☐

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Conflict_____

Endorsement of Chair_____

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Nays_____ _____

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Record of Vote (*Upon Request of Councillor* _____)

Signature of Clerk_____