Minute No. 402
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – June 16, 2020

Item No. 17 Re-opening of Terry Sawchuk Arena (Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward)

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to continue to operate the Terry Sawchuk Arena for the 2020/2021 season at no additional mill rate support and until a new service provider is confirmed.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 18, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 16, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development passed the following motion

WHEREAS on March 20, 2020 Council adopted the following Recommendation relative to the 2020-2023 Operating Budget:

"HH. That Council direct the Public Service to explore options involving third party organizations to own and/or operate the Terry Sawchuk Arena and report back to the appropriate standing committee on this matter in 2020."

AND WHEREAS the Public Service has determined that the recommended option for the operation of this facility is through a third party lease or management agreement, given that a property sale is not recommended due to the site's location within a landfill control zone;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advantageous in order to ensure continued services for the community and, as an incentive for a potential third party operator, for the Terry Sawchuk Arena to be operated by the City for the start of the 2020/2021 season and until such time as a new service provider is confirmed;

AND WHEREAS no additional mill rate support would be required for the City to operate the Terry Sawchuk Arena inasmuch as funding has been approved in each year of the 2020-2023 Operating Budget to cover facility mothballing costs which, coupled with revenue generated, would offset additional operating costs;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be authorized to continue to operate the Terry Sawchuk Arena for the 2020/2021 season at no additional mill rate support and until a new service provider is confirmed.

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.