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PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN – PRELIMINARY DRAFT

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CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Receive for information the Preliminary Draft Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, as described in this report and attached as Document 1.**
- 2. Direct staff to bring forward a report tabling the Final Draft Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, in consultation with Committee Chairs, to Planning Committee, Community and Protective Services Committee and Council prior to the approval of the New Official Plan.**

Dan Chenier, General Manager, Parks, Cultural and Facility Services, gave an introduction to the report and the fact that this is still a draft plan with further consultation to take place before the final comes to committee. He introduced Kevin Wherry, Manager, Parks and Facilities Planning, who gave a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file in the City Clerk's office.

The Committee heard from the following delegations:

1. Paul Howard - Can't ignore communities in need of recreation because it affects all. When developing the Master Plan, think of these low-income communities. Need to address inequities.
2. *Leo Doyle - Ottawa Shooting Stars Basketball - With gym sports, they have been reduced to using community schools. For basketball, the city has outdoor basketball courts which is not a solution. They need the city to do two things; be a better supplier of facilities to address big gap and shortage.
3. Sandra Milton - Lowertown Community Association – The demographics of the community is mixed. Area contains two community centres. When built, there were not many apartment towers in the area. The facilities are older, more than 20 years old. They cannot offer the same level of service as other centres. Lacking facilities for low-income and seniors. Need to be included for new facilities and upgrades for existing.
4. Cheryl Parrott - Hintonburg Community Association - They want to see greater equity for parks and recreation space for their community; greenspace and open space. Comparing data on neighbourhood or ward basis is needed. Transsect analysis too large. Hintonburg exceeds density targets. Density part of equity question.
5. *Jill Prot and Nancy Wilson - City View Community Association - Master Plan needs to look at a neighbourhood level. Their area has been flagged for greater intensification. Report should include progressive plan for city view facilities. They are reminding City that Cash-in-lieu need to be addressed before this master plan proceeds.
6. Ilona Horvath - Lowertown resident – There are scarce resources / funding. All communities will be affected by ongoing construction on Rideau Street and elsewhere. She supports city planners' recognition of demands but the draft plan does not offer much in way of new parks in downtown core.
7. Jeff Wilson - Kanata Youth Basketball Association - Kanata is relatively well-off but demands growing 5-10% per year. Biggest challenge is facilities. They do all they can to get people involved. Lack of facilities is

an issue.

8. *Marcia Morris - Ottawa Sport Council – They have concerns with transect data; projected provision of facilities lower than targets. Lack of comments in report regarding aging facilities. Issues become critical when you look at equity issue and the disparities. Many of these neighbourhoods in downtown core. Affects marginalized communities even more. Sports should be accessible to all.

[* *All individuals marked with an asterisk either provided their comments in writing or by email; all such comments are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

Correspondence was received from the following:

- *Darrell Bartraw*
- *Evelyn Eldridge - Ottawa Pickleball Coalition*
- *Jason Burggraaf, Executive Director – Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association*

Following the presentation and delegations Committee members had a variety of questions for staff:

- Do we need to find innovative ways to build new partnerships? This year, they did realignment to create new grouping to take different neighbourhood focus; in process of rolling out. Working with Donna Gray's team. They've helped Parks and Rec with funding in terms of equipping facilities that had inadequate equipment. Need to look at how we move beyond rental program.
- What you see from a projection right now is based on what data we've received from Environics, not the OP. The point of our report is ratio of how many community centres per 1,000 people.
- The report briefly speaks to collaborative partnerships with public and private. Examples used are big stakeholders, is there any room to establish partnerships with smaller partners? I.e., golf courses, Legion, etc.? Larger partnerships can create liabilities in times of pandemic.

Would allow for greater flexibility. Much of it comes down to who they had long-term agreements with and what could be established as a destination or goal. Small venues – did not look at. Perhaps is something they could consider during consultations.

- There is no mention of field houses. They're de-facto community buildings. Want comment re: conversion of field houses. They're in areas expected to undergo densification. They are park support houses now but may need to expand to accommodate growth.
- Any opportunity that comes up with NCC, they are happy to engage with; would suggest that discussions are long-term, but associations are short-term. It's not simple but not impossible.
- Council asked the department to deal with aging infrastructure, etc. Council will still have to make decisions on their future. Going to have to decide if it wants twin ice pads, not every community will be the model

The report recommendations were CARRIED as presented.

DIRECTION TO STAFF

As part of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan – Preliminary Draft, that staff be directed to:

1. Explore best practices for reflecting population context beyond resident populations (workplaces, etc.) for proximity areas to regional amenities and consider population growth since amalgamation;
2. Analyze, consult and report on facility deficiencies per transect (pools, arenas, gyms and turfs/fields), while also considering the Ottawa Neighbourhood Equity Index when determining priorities.