Special Council Minutes March 7, 2022 - 5:30 PM Virtual Meeting Whitby Town Hall

**Present:** Mayor Mitchell (Participating Virtually)

Councillor Drumm (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Leahy (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Lee (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Mulcahy (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Newman (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Roy (Participating Virtually)

Councillor Shahid (Participating Virtually) Joined at 5:32 p.m.

Councillor Yamada (Participating Virtually)

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer

J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services

F. Santaguida, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement

Services/Town Solicitor

R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development

D. Speed, Head of Operations & Fire Chief

F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer

S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives

J. Long, Head of Organizational Effectiveness

H. Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor

C. Harris, Town Clerk

K. Douglas, Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

## Regrets: None noted

- 1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
  - **1.1** There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
- 2. Presentations
  - 2.1 Andrew Frontini, Lead Designer, Michael Blois, Project Architect, Phil Fenech, Principal in Charge, and Philip O'Sullivan, Project Manager, Perkins and Will Architecture

Re: Whitby Sports Complex Design Concept

## **Refer to Item 4.1, CMS 05-22**

Andrew Frontini, Lead Designer, Michael Blois, Project Architect, Phil Fenech, Principal in Charge, and Philip O'Sullivan, Project Manager, Perkins and Will Architecture provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Whitby Sports Complex Design Concept. Highlights of the presentation included:

- feedback received from the community regarding the Whitby Sports Complex design concept and program spaces, including requests for outdoor amenities, an indoor gymnasium, and aquatics amenities;
- community input regarding the Active Plaza and Terrace Courts design concepts;
- a design inspired by Whitby's unique identity, culture, and landscape;
- the geographic location the building site and it's proximity to nearby trails and conservation areas;
- consideration of future neighbourhoods, street frontage, visibility from Highway 407, and environmental factors impacting the proposed design;
- a summary of the site analysis used to determine the position of the building;
- inspiration for the design concept, including the natural landscape and forces of nature;
- an overview of the site concept, including outdoor program spaces, parking, placement of the storm water management garden, and landscaping;
- details of the ground floor layout, including the placement of a service counter, program spaces, an accessible ramp, and change rooms;
- details of the second floor layout, including an extension of the accessible ramp, sustainable features, and recreational amenities;
- a summary of the program elements, including aquatics amenities, arenas, viewing spaces, gymnasium, walking track, and multi-purpose program spaces;
- proposed building and design materials including natural textures, colours and materials such as zinc, wood, and limestone;
- visual renderings of the exterior and interior of the building;
- the use of public art in program spaces;
- an overview of the capital investments required to achieve a LEED/Net Zero Carbon sustainable design;
- the anticipated operating costs associated with a Net Zero Facility compared to conventional facilities that utilize natural gas rather than electric energy; and,

 the broader goals achieved by a LEED/Net Zero Carbon sustainable design.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council, Perkins and Will Architecture, and Staff regarding:

- consultation with user groups regarding the skate park and pump track design;
- the size and shape of the proposed walking track;
- whether Indigenous groups have been consulted on the design;
- the spectator capacity of the arena compared to existing facilities;
- the anticipated project timeline;
- whether the presentation may be provided to the Region of Durham's Accessibility Advisory Committee;
- clarification regarding the flexible use of public spaces within the facility;
- the availability of commercial space for food vendors within the facility;
- clarification regarding the flexible use of the proposed sports field;
- whether the design may accommodate pickle ball, cricket, and support elite athletes;
- the size of the sports field;
- whether the sports field will be illuminated for evening use;
- whether bleachers and storage facilities will be incorporated in the design;
- the potential for future expansion of the facility;
- clarification regarding the location of the future program space;
- whether large trees may be incorporated in the landscaping design;
- whether warm viewing areas and the gymnasium will include bleachers;
- clarification regarding the decision to exclude artificial outdoor ice amenities from the design, and whether Development Charges may be used to fund the construction of these amenities in the future;
- means of addressing inflationary pressures;
- whether the project will be funded from future Development Charges;
- the impact of supply chain issues on the project timeline;
- location of the central building entrances;
- consultation with multicultural groups and the Town's Accessibility Advisory Committee; and,
- clarification regarding the projected capital costs.

# 3. Delegations

3.1 Olivier Renaud, Friederike Baayen, Sheryl Tavoularis, Paul Duff, and Jonathan Clancy representing Whitby Swimming Re: Community Services Department Report, CMS 05-22 Final Design Concept and Preliminary Budget Approval for the Whitby Sports Complex (WSC)

### **Refer to Item 4.1, CMS 05-22**

Olivier Renaud, representing Whitby Swimming, appeared before Council to express their support for the Whitby Sports Complex design and appreciation for the community consultation efforts.

#### 4. Items for Consideration

4.1 Community Services Department Report, CMS 05-22 Re: Final Design Concept and Preliminary Budget Approval for the Whitby Sports Complex (WSC)

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff regarding:

- strategies to ensure costs remain within the estimated project budget;
- whether Staff may investigate the inclusion of cricket spaces in the design; and,
- clarification regarding the source of funding for the project and the impact on tax payers.

#### Resolution # 50-22

Moved By Councillor Lee Seconded By Councillor Yamada

- 1. That Council approve the proposed design concept for the Whitby Sports Complex, attached to this report as Attachment A;
- That based on the proposed design concept the budget be increased by \$28,000,000 (from \$70,000,000 to \$98,000,000) to accommodate for the expanded program;
- That Staff be authorized to complete the detailed design and construction documentation for the building and park designs;
- That the contract to Perkins & Will Architecture be increased by \$625,000 (plus HST) for design fees for the expanded building program funded from the Whitby Sports Complex Capital Project; and,

5. That a sole source contract be awarded to Perkins & Will Architecture in the amount of \$544,430 (plus HST), for the design of the park located on the Whitby Sports Complex property, funded from a new capital project for the park design.

# Carried unanimously on a recorded vote as follows:

	For	Against	Abstained
Councillor Drumm	х		
Councillor Leahy	х		
Councillor Lee	x		
Councillor Mulcahy	х		
Councillor Newman	х		
Councillor Roy	х		
Councillor Shahid	x		
Councillor Yamada	х		
Mayor Mitchell	х		
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- 5. Confirmatory By-law
  - **5.1** Confirmatory By-law

## Resolution # 51-22

Moved By Councillor Newman Seconded By Councillor Lee

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on March 7, 2022 and the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

#### Carried

- 6. Adjournment
  - **6.1** Motion to Adjourn

Moved By Councillor Newman

Seconded By Councillor Drur	mm
That the meeting adjourn.	
Carried	
The meeting adjourned at 6:5	53 p.m.
Christopher Harris, Town Clerk	Don Mitchell, Mayor