



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, November 16, 2020 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. via videoconference. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Mayor R. Alty,
Councillor N. Konge,
Councillor S. Morgan,
Councillor J. Morse,
Councillor C. Mufandaedza, (12:06 p.m.)
Councillor S. Payne,
Councillor S. Smith, and
Councillor R. Williams.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
E. Bussey,
D. M. Gillard,
C. Greencorn,
G. Littlefair,
W. Newton,
K. Penney,
G. White,
S. Woodward, and
S. Jovic.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	(For Information Only) There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.
2.	(For Information Only) Committee heard a presentation regarding the Water License Renewal. Committee noted that a Water Licence is required under the <i>NWT Waters Act</i> to draw water from local water bodies and deposit waste into the environment. Committee further noted that there are two types of water licences – Type A and Type B and that type of water licence depends on



the project type and criteria for the project as outlined in the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley Guide to the Water Licensing Process. Committee noted that the City falls under the municipal undertakings Type A water licence criteria which applies to direct water use of 2,000 m³ or more per day and any deposit of sewage serving a population of 2,000 or more. Committee noted that the City of Yellowknife's current Type A Water Licence has been in place since 2010 and will expire in May 2022. Committee noted that the City is seeking renewal for 15 years and that the MacKenzie Land and Water Board has requested that the City submit its renewal application by January 2021, as the renewal process can take up to 18 months. Committee noted that the application is made up of several documents: Water Treatment, Stormwater Management, Wastewater Management, Solid Waste Management and Spill Contingency. Committee noted that the City is committed to working with regulators to address the following areas of concern: Phosphorus Treatment; Condition of Wastewater Receiving Environment; Sludge Management of Lagoon; Fiddler's Lake Treatment System Management Plan; Closure Activities at the Solid Waste Facility and Stormwater Management and Treatment. Committee noted that the tentative date for issuance of the new licence is February 2022.

(For Information Only)

3. Committee heard a presentation from Melanie Korver & Simon Taylor, representatives of TAG; and Kiefer Savage & Robert Allen, representatives of MAMJ regarding the Aquatic Centre Design Plan.

They noted that the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool was constructed circa 1987, and is reaching the end of its useful life as an aquatic facility. They further noted that in 2016, City Council directed Administration to pursue a \$12.9M federal grant for construction of a new Aquatic Centre. They stated that in 2018, the Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee (ACAC) was formed, and a consultant was retained to prepare a Pre-Design Plan. They further stated that the ACAC recommended a new Aquatic Centre complete with a leisure pool and separate 52m, 6 lane lap pool. They advised that Taylor Architecture Group (TAG) was retained in December 2019 to finalize details of the Pre-Design Plan, and (if approved), complete bridging documents for a Design-Build process for the new Aquatic Centre. They further advised that in February 2020, City Council directed TAG to develop two concepts for the new Aquatic Centre: a new Aquatic Centre with a 25m lane pool and a new Aquatic Centre with a 52m lane pool.

TAG presented four options for a new Aquatic Centre as follows:

- Option 1a 25m, 6 lane pool
- Option 2a 52m, 6 lane pool
- Option 1b 25m, 8 lane pool
- Option 2b 52m, 8 lane pool

TAG/MJMA have recommended proceeding with 8 lanes, for either a 25m or 52m length pool. They noted that based on 456 survey respondents from the September 2020, consultation sessions and public feedback 58% of responses were in favour of 52 m pool



and in favour to keep the facility program as outlined in the Pre-Design Plan, with the possible addition of a large waterslide (requested by 10% of respondents).

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4. Committee recessed at 1:35 and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

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5. Councillors Morse and Williams left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

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6. Committee continued its discussion regarding the Aquatic Centre Design Plan. They noted that the Aquatic Centre Site is directly east of the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool, at the old Pitch & Putt location. They further noted that this site was selected by City Administration following a site evaluation exercise comparing the two sites recommended in the Pre-Design Plan (RIMP site & Multiplex/Fieldhouse site). They noted that the site selection matrix compared three studies undertaken for each site:

- Desktop Geotechnical Evaluation;
- Phase 1 Environmental Assessment; and
- Traffic & Parking Study.

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7. Councillor Williams returned to the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

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8. Committee continued its discussion regarding the Aquatic Centre Design Plan. They noted that the next steps include decision on 25m or 52m lane pool; 6 or 8 lanes and addition of waterslide to program. They further noted that the next phases include:

1. Bridging Documents (Jan-May 2021)
2. Issue RFP for project (Spring 2021)
3. Select Design-Builder (Summer 2021)
4. Public Referendum (Fall 2021)
5. If yes, Construction Begins (Spring 2022)

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9. In response to questions from Committee, Administration undertook to include the need for a more detailed energy model and higher level energy design, in the bridging document; provide the load capacity of the future Aquatic Centre for each design option, based on GNWT health regulations; and provide information regarding the cost for a canteen vs. potential revenue. Committee further questioned whether there would be cost savings for labour and O&M if the Fieldhouse and Multiplex were incorporated into a mega centre with the aquatic centre.

10. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.