

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

**5** **CIVIC CENTRE TENNIS COURT RESTORATION**  
**WARD 1**

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning and the Director of Parks Development, dated February 9, 2015, be approved; and
- 2) That the deputation by Mr. Bruno Riga, be received:

1. That restoration of the existing Civic Centre tennis courts be referred to the 2015 Budget Process for consideration as a 2015 Capital Project.

- To develop Vaughan as a City with maximum green space and an urban form that supports our expected population growth.

There is no operating budget impact associated with the restoration of the tennis courts.

Not applicable.

The purpose of this report is to respond to direction from the September 3, 2014 Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting with respect to the City Hall Tennis Courts.

Council at its September 9, 2014 meeting, adopted the following recommendation from the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting of September 3, 2014 (Item 8, Report No.9):

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1. That staff bring forward a report to the first meeting of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee in the new term of Council, explaining in detail the cause of the deterioration of the City Hall tennis courts, and further that staff provide a plan for restoration of the City Hall tennis courts including timelines for the restoration works.

#### **Background**

Based on available information, use of the Civic Centre tennis courts for construction staging and materials storage was initiated in 2007 during the development of the new City Hall building. Due to the age of the tennis courts at that time being beyond the 15 year life expectancy, use of the courts for construction staging likely considered that redevelopment of the tennis courts would occur upon completion of the City Hall project.

Following closure of the tennis courts in 2007, staff received several resident inquiries with interest in when the tennis courts would be restored and opened for public use. It was noted by staff at the time that the entire Civic Centre park, including restoration of the tennis courts, would be reviewed following the completion of the City Hall buildings and parking lots. The most recent update of the Civic Centre Master Plan completed in 2013 includes tennis as one of the park facilities (see Attachment 2). Local residents continue to be interested in having the tennis courts restored and opened for use and have recently contacted the City to request this work be advanced as quickly as possible.

Parks Development staff reviewed the current condition of the tennis courts and concluded that the courts required complete redevelopment. In addition, the size of the courts will need to be reconfigured from a triple court to a double court to accommodate future development of the Civic Centre Master Plan. The Civic Centre Master Plan identifies the provision of a triple tennis court, however through a more detailed assessment completed by staff, only a double tennis court can be accommodated due to the future driveway location, which is required to service the full build-out of the plan (see Attachment 3).

The scope of work for the tennis court redevelopment, based on staff's preliminary review, is anticipated to include demolition and removals, full-depth court reconstruction, new fencing, surfacing, grading, restoration and associated works in that immediate area, including removal of the old playground and swing areas that are currently not in use. This work is estimated to cost \$259,000, plus applicable taxes, 10% contingency, and 3% administrative recovery.

#### **Tennis Court Provision Standards**

The Active Together Master Plan (ATMP) identifies that tennis courts are inclusive facilities that accommodate most age groups and a variety of skill levels. The ATMP provision standard is 1 tennis court per 5,000 residents. The current supply of tennis courts in the Maple Community is 1 tennis court per 6,561 (2013 estimate), which is the lowest per capita supply in the City. In addition, there are currently no tennis courts located in the neighbourhood south of Major Mackenzie Drive which denotes a deficiency within this geographical area. Provision of a double tennis court at this location will provide a provision ratio of 1 court per 5,368 residents, more closely aligning with the strategic direction of the ATMP.

#### **Timeline for Completion**

Restoration of the Civic Centre tennis courts is proposed to be added to the 2015 Capital Budget. Pending budget approval from Council it is anticipated that this project can be scheduled to commence in 2015 and be completed and open for use in 2016.

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**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the recommendations of this report will assist in enhancing and maintaining community safety, vision, health and wellness by ensuring that an appropriate level of service for park facilities are provided for the citizens of Vaughan.

- **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:**  
Organizational Excellence – Maintain Assets and Infrastructure  
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness; and, to deliver high quality services and to promote health and wellness through design and program.

**Regional Implications**

Not applicable.

**Conclusion**

The existing Civic Centre tennis courts were used for construction staging and material storage during construction of the new City Hall building. Based on continued interest from the local community and the provision standards identified in the ATMP it is appropriate to restore the existing courts in accordance with the Civic Centre Master Plan. Due to the location of a future driveway in the Civic Centre Master Plan, the size of the existing tennis courts will need to be reconfigured to allow for a double tennis court. Pending approval from Council, staff will schedule the restoration works to commence in 2015 and be completed and open for use in 2016.

**Attachments**

1. Capital Project Detail Sheet
2. Civic Centre Campus Master Plan
3. Aerial Map of the Civic Park Tennis Courts

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)