

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor and Town Council

Department: Wellness Committee – Chair, Tom Toner

Date: February 23, 2015

Subject: Wellness Centre Feasibility Study Report

BACKGROUND

The Wellness Committee has been actively assessing the future recreation, social and wellness needs of our community for the past 2 years. The Committee started with a user and user group survey. Trace Planning was engaged in 2013 to carry out 4 ward sessions and a user group feedback session as well as pull all the data together in a report.

To support their work, Town Council approved funds in the 2014 budget to hire Consultants to complete a feasibility study for a new Wellness Centre for Riverview. After an RFP process WSP Canada Inc was hired by the Town of Riverview to execute that work. WSP Canada Inc has been working extensively with the Wellness Committee over the past year.

WSP was tasked with examining the feasibility of a Wellness Centre today, the necessary components, the cost of building and operating it and funding options. An examination of the current facilities conditions was also part of this work.

The Wellness Centre Feasibility Study Report is being presented to Council for information purpose at the February 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting. This is an opportunity for Council to receive the report and to ask it questions of the authors.

On February 23, 2015 meeting, Council will receive:

- An overview of the Feasibility Study Report by WSP Canada Inc; and
- A brief presentation from the Wellness Committee on the work done to date and next steps.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal:

N/A

Financial:

The estimated capital costs for a new wellness centre, including a new pool, one ice surface arena, a walking track, fitness rooms, and a multipurpose gym is \$45.0 million. The report estimates that the Town share of this project right now would be \$28.5 million in capital borrowing and a capital reserve of \$2.5 million. While this seems prohibitive at this time, the Wellness Committee will outline the steps that need to be acted on over the next 5 years to make this facility a reality for our community as outlined in the feasibility study.

Policy:

N/A

Stakeholders:

- Recreation User groups (Minor hockey, figure skating, Codiac Vikings, etc)
- Provincial and Federal Governments (financial contributions)
- Town of Riverview Taxpayers
- All Riverview residents, young and old.

Strategic Plan:

Under the Strategic Direction – Community & Lifestyle, a core strategic priority was “work towards developing a new Wellness/Civic Centre”.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Collaboration will need to occur between all departments and the Committee to help provide Council with the information necessary to determine a feasible plan going forward and what funds can be made available in the Town’s long range budget plan to afford the construction of this new facility.

Communication Plan:

The Wellness Committee will outline its next steps during the presentation on February 23, 2015. One element of the communication plan is, as part of the Citizens Survey planned for 2015, the Town will ask residents their opinion on the costs for a new Wellness Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Wellness Centre Feasibility Study and ask that staff ensure the report is considered in the Town’s long range capital and operating budget planning.

That Council endorse and support the Wellness Committee’s proposed action plan over the next few years to continue moving this key community project forward.

Prepared by: _____ *Tom Toner* _____

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