

June 11th 2012 - Notes from Council Strategic Planning Session for Central Park Project

Comment Summary: Councillor Lloyd

Wants to 'Make This Vision a Reality Today'

Central Park Redevelopment:

Situation: Vision, Location, Priorities (Ice & Water), Public Input, Partnership YMCA

Concerns: \$35 Million, Alternate Plan or Strategy, Time

Alternate Strategy: Stage the Project, Keep Eye on the Prize

Rationale: Affordable, Satisfies Immediate Needs (Ice & Water), Commence Project Sooner, More

Stage 1 Objective: Ice & Water. Strategy: Refirbish Eddie Bush, Cover Outdoor Rink, Partner with

Stage 2: Connectivity (Enclose Arena, Retail/Food), Partnerships, RFP/RFQ

Stage 3: Performing Arts Centre, Curling Club Update

Comment Summary: Councillor West

Value of "Report"

Market Sounding "?" Not sure

Go to RFP/RFQ and have selected consultant tell us how project can be phased, etc.

Stay Focused on Ice & Water

?How to Engage possible partners "Knocking on the Door?"

Investment in the Future

Comment Summary: Councillor Hull

3 Points: Market Sounding, Phasing, Eddie Bush

Market Sounding: High Value of this Expert Advice, Re: TO DO

Phasing: More complex than just as a number of BLDGS, CONCERNS, Effects not just Central Park,

Existing Arena: Understanding of the cultural / social importance of exisitng facility, long list of

Comment Summary: Deputy Mayor Lloyd

Remember Town has other 'BIG' projects (Fire Hall, Hume Street, Water Treatment Facility)

Supports Project, should be Phased

What is the YMCA partnership obligation in terms of \$?

Market Sounding leads to more reports, 'another study'

Keep existing Arena (Seasonal?)

Comment Summary: Councillor Edwards

Concern- \$43K for seeking funding, But what is it?, Need more clarity

Relates to issues such as Ball Facilities, where will they go? A lot of Youth Coming up

Eddie Bush - Big Issue, Does it belong somewhere else?

Ball Diamonds and Arena Answers Needed

Need to move forward - get on with it we need ice time

Likes Staging the Project (Lloyd's Recommendation), One Project Too Big

Need theraputic pool again, support for YMCA pool concept

Comment Summary: Councillor Cunningham

\$35M CONCERN

Support existing arena (needs \$ too), Collingwood not a big centre, already have debt

However, something needs to be done

1- Roof on Outdoor Rink

2- Maintain existin Arena

3- \$1.5M to Pool (YMCA)

Future will bring a difference vision for existing arena, but not now

Comment Summary: Councillor Chadwick

Location GOOD, Should go ahead

Agree with Staged Idea: Gives us the fastest start

\$1.5M Reserve: Use for Covering Outdoor Rink

Does not lie design: Too much parking, see more civic uses / space

Need to know what is happening to Eddie Bush, Cannot support anything that does not put existing BIA-Chamber should be involved

YMCA Deficit: Why are we covering it?

Collus \$: Concern, needs public input for use of it, still not confirmed

\$35M too much, Concern about impact on the tax payer, Phase it with Arena first

Where are the Diamonds going? Cost associated with that

Comment Summary: Councillor Gardhouse

Location of Central Park was too limiting to project from beginning: Other location could be for less, Not sure if vision is amendable or doable

Eddie Bush Arena: Issue of existing arean and opportunity is BIG! Includes real and perceived value

If impact is (real) Is this a fiar trade for Rec? NO

Alternate Use Likely (for Eddie Bush), need to further expolre what is Eddie Bush and what it should Great Process! (If this is the site)

Should go with Market Sounding, must continue to go 'look' for funding, spend the \$44K

Take existing process to the END, Does not agree with just connecting up with 'New Plan'

Phased should be something that builds on a new site, not C.P. location

Does not agree with spendign money to do all the work at the present site - like \$ for relocating ball

Suggest partnership with two municipalities (maybe Wasaga...)