

## FOOTHILLS AND GLENMORE ATHLETIC PARK CONCEPT PLANS

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### SUMMARY/ISSUE

Approval of concept plans for Foothills and Glenmore Athletic Parks.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION/POLICY

On 2006 September 18, Council approved CPS2006-44, Calgary Civic Sport Policy – Strategic Plan and Financial Strategy.

On 2008 June 23, Council approved CPS2008-46 adopting the 10-Year Strategic Plan for Sport Facility Development & Enhancement, which includes a summary of the Sports Needs & Preferences Study as the basis for establishing priorities for sport facility development and delivery over the next ten years.

On 2010 June 21 (CPS2010-40), Council approved the 2010 to 2020 Recreation Master Plan.

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the SPC on Community and Protective Services recommends that Council:

1. Approve the Foothills and Glenmore Athletic Park Concept Plan in principle, and;
2. Direct Administration, subject to available financing, to proceed in the planning process for Foothills and Glenmore Athletic Park which includes parking and traffic studies, explore financing and partnership opportunities, and report back to SPC on Community and Protective Services no later than 2011 October.
3. Direct Administration to add the planning and study work to the unfunded CPRIP list.

### INVESTIGATION

Administration has developed concept plans for the redevelopment of Glenmore and Foothills Athletic Parks (Attachment 1). These are Calgary's premiere athletic parks. The

plans propose improvements which support Calgary's emerging recreation and sport needs and proactively address the life cycle of current facilities. This is in alignment with the Recreation Master Plan

The facilities planned for these two sites have been identified as primary priority facility types in the 10 Year Plan for Strategic Plan for Sport Facility Development & Enhancement and will accommodate the evolving needs of Calgarians. The concept plans include two new athletic facilities – a multi-sport field house featuring a world-class 400 meter indoor track and full sized rectangular field; and an indoor cycling track with gymnasiums. (Attachment 2) Both of these structures will provide sustainable recreation and sport facilities for future generations; state of the art athletic facilities for training Calgary athletes; and accommodate hosting for major events.

Site upgrades are proposed through five phases over a 10 year period, dependent on the availability and timing of funding. An overall site reorganization is planned for each athletic park, incorporating a series of infrastructure improvements to address existing deficiencies, accommodate demand, increase capacity of amenities and enhance the cultural, experiential and aesthetic qualities of the sites.

Stakeholder feedback has been extensive for the concept plans to date. Comments from sport and recreation groups are supportive of the development of these much needed facilities but indicate a preference to construct the multi-sport field house earlier in the phasing. Administration will continue to work with sport and community groups to review and revise the plans as appropriate. Community residents in the Glenmore Athletic Park area have expressed concerns regarding potential traffic impacts. Administration is working closely with community residents and the Community

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Association to develop appropriate traffic management measures for each site.

### IMPLICATIONS

#### General

Publicly accessible recreation supports policy objectives related to individual and community health, tourism, education, crime prevention and environmental stewardship. The following Triple Bottom Line (TBL) implications were identified:

#### Social

Calgarians have indicated that sport and recreation activities are important to them and to the quality of life and culture of our city. Investment in sport and recreational facilities will contribute to the personal health and well being of Calgarians by ensuring a broad range of leisure and recreation services are available and accessible to all. The concepts contained in these 2 concept plans reflect the Recreation for LIFE model that is a key foundation of the Recreation Master Plan.

#### Environmental

Improvements to both parks provide opportunities to create dynamic and distinctive public environments for all Calgarians to enjoy. Utilizing existing athletic park spaces more efficiently helps develop sustainable communities and supports smart growth. Construction of co-located energy efficient facilities supports environmental responsibility and demonstrates sound land and facility planning and stewardship.

#### Economic (External)

Plans for the strategic development of these sites and amenities phased over a series of years encourages joint planning and investments between The City of Calgary, non-profit groups, educational institutions and commercial enterprises.

These combined sites, encourage sport tourism, create employment; offer new opportunities for year-round creative cultural

events and will attract athletes and their families for training opportunities to benefit Calgary's economy.

### BUSINESS PLAN/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Order of magnitude cost estimates will be identified through the 2011 Culture, Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Investment Plan (CPRiiP). Administration will be investigating opportunities for partnership, financial leveraging alternatives and funding opportunities.

Once additional site planning is undertaken, more accurate estimates of capital costs and future impact on operating budget will be identified.

### RISKS

Community concerns have been raised about traffic impact, parking and other site specifics. Future studies, such as traffic impact assessments, will be conducted and combined with community input, in accordance with the 'Engage' Policy.

Funding for these plans is not currently available. Administration will continue to work with stakeholders to identify sources of funding.

If facility upgrades are not planned and funded the existing facilities will be unable to meet demands of sport and recreation users and potential sustainability concerns or facility closures could result (Attachment 3).

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Executive Summary for Foothills and Glenmore Athletic Parks Concept Plans
2. Foothills and Glenmore Athletic Park Concept Plan Schematics.
3. Tangible Capital Assets Foothills Glenmore Amortization