

January 16, 2019

To: Members
Executive Committee

Re: Supplemental Report – Support to Host a 2019 NHL Regular Season Game at Mosaic Stadium

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received and filed.

CONCLUSION

The information contained in this report provides an update with respect to events subsequent to the September 12, 2018 private meeting of Executive Committee where report E18-37 was considered.

BACKGROUND

At the September 12, 2018 private meeting of Executive Committee, report E18-37 – Support to Host a 2019 NHL Regular Season Game at Mosaic Stadium was considered.

The report informed Executive Committee that, (1) Regina Exhibition Association Limited (operating as Evraz Place) planned to submit a bid to the NHL for the right to host a 2019 regular season game at Mosaic Stadium (the Event) and (2) in support of its bid, Evraz Place was requesting financial support from the City of \$150,000, consisting of \$100,000 cash and City services valued up to \$50,000.

On October 5, 2018, Evraz Place submitted its bid. On January 1, 2019, the NHL announced that the Winnipeg Jets will host the Calgary Flames at Mosaic Stadium on October 26, 2019, in the 2019 edition of the NHL's Heritage Classic series.

DISCUSSION

In the time since the September 12, 2018 private meeting of Executive Committee where report E18-37 was considered, events have occurred that impact the recommendations made in the report.

The second recommendation in report E18-37 currently reads:

“That the Executive Director City Services be delegated the authority to negotiate and approve the terms of the Contribution Agreement between the City and Regina Exhibition Association Limited as outlined in this report.”

The City of Regina has undergone a corporate reorganization. As a result of this reorganization, the Executive Director now responsible for this portfolio is the Executive Director, City Planning & Community Development.

The fourth recommendation of the report currently reads:

“That a \$150,000 expenditure be added to and approved in the 2019 General Operating Budget as a one-time investment;”

When Evraz Place submitted its bid for the Event, the NHL requested that the matter remain confidential until such time that the NHL announced the host City for the 2019 edition of the Heritage Classic game. On December 10 and 11, 2018 City Council deliberated and approved the 2019 General Operating Budget. In order to respect the confidentiality requested by the NHL and due to the uncertainty inherent in the bid process for an event of this nature, the proposed City support of \$150,000 was not included in City Council’s 2019 Budget deliberations.

Consequently, the opportunity to add this proposed expenditure to the 2019 budget has passed. As a result, a new funding source will need to be identified should the request for financial support for the Event be approved.

The General Fund Reserve (GFR) is a potential alternative funding source. Currently, the GFR’s balance at December 31, 2019 is forecasted to be \$12,397,800. While this forecasted balance is below the GFR’s recommended minimum balance of approximately \$22 million, there does appear to be sufficient funds to cover this additional 2019 expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

None related to this report.

Environmental Implications

None related to this report.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

None related to this report.

Other Implications

None related to this report.

Accessibility Implications

None related to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

None related to this report.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The recommendation contained in this report is within the delegated authority of Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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Respectfully submitted,



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