

Southeast Joint Use Facility

Date	March 11, 2020
To	Executive Committee
From	City Manager's Office
Service Area	City Planning & Community Development
Item No.	EX20-10

RECOMMENDATION

Executive Committee recommend that City Council:

1. Delegate authority to the City Manager to negotiate and approve a Memorandum of Understanding, funding agreement and any other ancillary agreements required to initiate a feasibility study of a joint use facility in southeast Regina between City of Regina, Regina Public Schools, Regina Catholic Schools, the YMCA of Regina and any other interested party within approved budget up to \$25,000.
2. Direct the City Clerk to sign the funding and any other ancillary agreements on behalf of the City of Regina, upon review and approval of the City Solicitor.
3. Approve these recommendations at its March 25, 2020 meeting.

ISSUE

In 2019, Administration participated in discussions with Regina Public Schools, Regina Catholic Schools, YMCA of Regina and the Ministry of Education to explore the possibility of a shared or joint use high school facility in southeast Regina to meet the needs of a growing community.

To further this work, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed as a framework to initiate and work through a feasibility study.

IMPACTS

Financial Impact

Funding for the feasibility study will be split equally between the City of Regina, Regina Public Schools, Regina Catholic Schools and the YMCA of Regina. The cost is estimated at \$25,000 per organization; however, further detailed information related to scope and goals of the feasibility study is required to determine an accurate amount. The City of Regina's contribution will be funded through the approved 2020 Budget.

The MOU and feasibility study do not tie any party to future funding. A to-be-established steering committee will explore grant funding as part of the feasibility study.

Policy Impact

The Southeast Regina Neighbourhood Plan supports the concept of a joint use high school facility and a zone level park within this area. The Recreation Master Plan also highlights the role of partnerships with other levels of government and community-based organizations as a means to deliver on recreation priorities in the community.

There are no other impacts related to this report.

OTHER OPTIONS

City of Regina could support the outcome, but not participate in the feasibility study. This option would avoid the cost of a study, but not allow City of Regina representation on the Steering Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications representatives from each organization have worked together to coordinate a communications plan. Regina Public Schools will lead all communications.

Should a project proceed, public engagement opportunities will be planned at key milestones.

DISCUSSION

Administration was approached by Regina Public Schools, Regina Catholic Schools and the YMCA of Regina in January 2019 to discuss the possibility of a joint use facility for education, recreation and community services in southeast Regina.

On March 29, 2019, representatives from the City of Regina participated in a visioning session with Regina Public Schools, Regina Catholic Schools, the YMCA of Regina and the Ministry of Education.

Representatives determined that there were benefits to key partners working together to build spaces that meet the needs of a growing community. A joint use campus facility could provide an opportunity to maximize infrastructure and investment in an inclusive and collaborative facility.

The MOU has been developed to initiate a feasibility study. The feasibility study will be jointly led by Regina Public and Regina Catholic School Divisions. The City of Regina and the YMCA of Regina will participate and be represented on a to-be-established steering committee. This steering committee will be made up of two members from each partner in the MOU. The committee will refine the scope and terms of the feasibility study, address issues, and provide general oversight of the feasibility study.

It is anticipated that the scope of the study will include, but not be limited to:

- SWOT analysis
- Facility requirements (essential and desired)
- Location and land acquisition
- Capital plan and funding
- Operational funding and logistical considerations
- Governance model
- Legislative parameters and constraints

The Ministry of Education has been consulted. They are supportive of a collaborative approach for this project and will be part of the process. Representatives from the School Boards and YMCA have updated their governing bodies on the potential of a joint use facility in southeast Regina and are seeking approval of the MOU to initiate the feasibility study at the time of this report being prepared.

DECISION HISTORY

There have been no previous decisions related to this recommendation.

The recommendation in this report requires City Council approval.

Respectfully Submitted,



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