

Date: July 7, 2006



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Killarney Ice Rink and Lobby Reconstruction

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board receive the schematic design plans for the Killarney Ice Rink and Lobby.

POLICY

The Board reviews and approves the schematic designs for major construction projects.

BACKGROUND

The 2006 – 2009 Capital Plan includes a sum of \$10,000,000 for replacement of the existing Killarney Ice Rink and the Killarney Community Centre Lobby. VANOC is contributing \$2,500,000 towards this allocation. The ice rink and lobby are the two remaining elements of a recreation complex built in 1963. The community centre was replaced in 1999, and the pool has been recently replaced with a new leisure pool. Still remaining are the original ice rink and the lobby connecting the three main elements of the complex.

The new rink will provide practice space for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Games, and will have an ice sheet meeting international standards. The replacement lobby will join together the pool, community centre and the new ice rink. After the Games, the rink will be retrofitted as necessary to convert from Olympic mode to the required community recreation facility mode.

The Board appointed Acton Ostry Architects, Inc. to provide full consulting services for the design and construction contract administration of the Killarney Ice Rink and Lobby project on March 20, 2006

DISCUSSION

A Building Committee, including Planning, District and Community Centre staff, and Association representatives has met regularly since March 21, 2006. The Committee was instrumental in providing information for and recommending an architectural functional program and space summary. The Committee also has travelled to local newly constructed rinks to view examples of modern ice rink innovation and technology.

VANOC, as stakeholders and Building Committee members have participated in and endorsed the process.

The Architect recently held a LEED workshop – confirming that the new building will be built to the LEED Gold standard, as is City policy.

The Building Committee has reviewed the current plans and provided feedback to the Architect. The Architect intends to apply for a development permit within the next two months. During that period the project team will address:

- Refinements in the schematic design
- Preparation of the Project Definition Report
- A detailed cost estimate
- Public open house

The scope of the project includes:

- An ice rink of international size (100' X 200'), with 250 spectator seats
- Lounge, change rooms, and other areas to support the ice rink operation
- A lobby to join the three main elements of the Killarney complex
- Staff administration area and reception
- The ice sheet will be converted to the NHL standard (85' X 200') after the Olympic use

Design plans are attached as Appendix A of this report.

The Olympic schedule, and therefore the rink re-construction schedule, is aggressive and will see the start of construction after the 2006-2007 skating season. Every effort will be made to complete the project before the 2008-2009 hockey season.

Budget

The preliminary budget breakdown for the project as presented in March of this year is unchanged:

• Construction	\$7,500,000
• Consultants	\$1,085,000
• Miscellaneous	665,000
• Contingency	750,000
	\$10,000,000

Further reports to Council and the Board will be reviewing cost escalation issues and funding options for the Olympic/Legacy projects.

SUMMARY

The drawings presented represent a near-complete schematic design. The Board is requested to support the design direction, subject to continuation of the public process and further confirmation of costs and funding. An updating report will be brought back to the Board after the summer break.

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