HWDSB/City of Hamilton Memorandum of Agreement in Stadium Precinct
Background

- February 27, 2013 – Council received request from HWDSB to partner on joint project at Scott Park
- March 20, 2013 – staff report to GIC. Direction given to enter into MoA with HWDSB and report back on funding options by July 31, 2013
HWDSB - Scott Park Site

- Cost of property acquisition and new secondary school building is the full responsibility of HWDSB.
- HWDSB has begun expropriation proceedings.
- If the HWDSB cannot acquire the land then the City will not be proceeding with the joint facility at Scott Park.
Why This Project is Important

- Joint construction provides for some cost savings for City (i.e. gymnasium)
- It supports recommendations from previous recreation studies (2008 report)
  - That priority investment occur for indoor pools and activity space for senior’s and youth (further justified in lower city by demographics and usage)
  - That a large senior’s centre be developed in the lower city with specific consideration given to the Scott Park area
  - Existing pool (Jimmy Thompson) is beyond normal lifespan and not fully accessible
Why This Project is Important

- It advances neighbourhood revitalization in the Precinct as described through engagement with residents and key stakeholders
- It builds on other investments
- It addresses needs beyond the immediate neighbourhood
Proposed Project Components

• New secondary school for approximately 1,250 students
• Community/Senior’s Centre including:
  – A “two tank” pool – lanes and leisure
  – Senior’s centre
  – Youth centre space
  – Dance/fitness space
  – Community/multipurpose rooms
  – Access to triple gym and other amenities in the school
SCOTT PARK
- A senior sized soccer pitch for high school and community.
- Playground large enough for both senior and junior play activities.
- Shade trees
- Multi-use trails with interactive panels that tell the story of the site/neighborhood.
Funding Options

• Inherent challenge of developing funding options for $17M project not part the City’s capital plan
• Approach of staff was to “spread the funding pressure” across a number of budget areas
• In the report staff identify options to address $9.45M of the costs
• Gap of $7.55M remains with a number of options provided for filling that gap
Funding Recommendations
$9.45M

- Capital W.I.P. for Central City Senior’s/Community facility - $1.2M (already approved – March, 2013)
- Development Charges - $3.4M
- Ward 3 Capital Reserve - $0.5M
- 2010 OMPF Reconciliation - $2.85M
  - Represents the Unallocated Capital Reserve portion of OMPF distribution as per Council approved policy on OMPF re-investment
- Council’s Strategic Reserve - $1.5M
Funding Options - $7.55M Gap

- Future Fed/Prov Infrastructure Subsidies (prioritize this project)
- City Capital Levy
- Increase Council’s Strategic Capital Reserve contribution
- Ward Area Capital Reserve
- Tax-Supported Discretionary Capital Block Funding
- Hamilton Future Fund
- HUC 2013 Special Dividend ($2M)
- Balance of 2010 OMPF Reconciliation ($2.85M)
Recommendations

• Confirm with the HWDSB that the City’s funding commitment to the community/senior’s centre component of the project is $17M

• Approve the funding options
  – Approve the elements of the $9.45M outlined in the report
  – Provide direction on remaining $7.55M or direct staff to report back by March 31, 2014 on options for $7.55M

• Outdoor space to be address through separate report (closed session)
Outdoor Recreation Space

- There is a general deficiency of park space in this area of the City
- Current and proposed construction requires City to address outdoor recreation space
- Stadium construction has eliminated Brian Timmis Stadium
- School/Community Centre construction would have some impact on space for baseball at Scott Park
- Options to address this issue will be discussed as part of report CM13014
Questions