Presentation Background

• Report presented in July raised some comments, questions and concerns
  • Partnership with HWDSB
  • Funding gap
  • Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)
• Information Report and presentation seek to address those areas
Chronology

- Dec. 2011 – Staff directed to begin development of Precinct Plan
  - Precinct planning meetings with residents and other stakeholders begin
- May 2012 – HWDSB completes review of North Area Secondary Schools
- Feb. 2013 – City receives letter from HWDSB requesting City to consider developing a joint facility at Scott Park
Chronology

• March 2013 – Staff report recommending City proceed with development of a joint project
  • Staff directed to enter into MoA with HWDSB and develop a funding plan
• July 2013 – Staff report tabled and staff directed to:
  • Develop a report (with HWDSB) to respond to comments and questions of the Committee
  • Convene a meeting of the joint City/HWDSB Liaison Committee
Today’s Updates

• City/School Board Liaison Committee Meeting
• Joint Project Description
• Preliminary Cultural Heritage Assessment of Jimmy Thompson Pool
• Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)
• Funding
• Next Steps
City/School Board Liaison Committee Meeting

- Held August 29th at the HWDSB
- Attendees included Trustee Simmons, Bishop and Hicks and Mayor Bratina and Councillor Johnson
- Meeting began with staff providing a brief overview of the chronology regarding the ARC process and joint project discussion
City/School Board Liaison Committee Meeting

• Discussion topics included:
  • Concerns about the school closures and the location of the new school in the lower city
  • Expropriation proceedings
  • Resident concerns with school closures in general and the reality that Councillors have to respond to these concerns
City/School Board Liaison Committee Meeting

• Discussion topics con’t:
  • Concerns about other joint projects
  • Update on how staff are working together
  • Why this partnership at Scott Park makes sense
  • Recommendations for future Liaison Committee meetings
Joint Project at Scott Park

- New High School
- New Recreation Centre and Senior’s Centre
- Parking
- Green Space
New High School - Background

• Trustees approved the initiation of three secondary review committees to look at secondary education in HWDSB
• Reviews were in response to a decline in secondary enrolment, which predicts 6,000 surplus student spaces by 2020
• Board made decisions on school closures in May 2012
• By 2016, HWDSB will reduce the number of secondary schools from 18 to 13
New High School - Background

• Closing those schools identified by HWDSB as underutilized schools will renew remaining school buildings, balance school populations and course selection.

• In the North, the 18-month consultation period ended with the decision to close Delta, Parkview and Sir John A Macdonald and construct a new school on a centrally located site.

• In February 2013, HWDSB received $32 million in funding to construct a new secondary school to be opened by September 2016.
Vision for the New North School

• School with the latest in 21st century learning
• Revitalized facility that contributes to the surrounding community
• Provides students with more access to specialized programming
• Will employ a new digital approach to teaching and learning. Research has shown an increase in student achievement and engagement for students.
• Enhanced learning opportunities for students related to working with children, seniors or in the field of health and recreation.
Partnership Synergies

• Maximizing limited resources by both parties for the benefit of the community by reducing construction and operating costs
• Increasing number of school and community services available within the neighbourhood
• Stronger relationships between the school, city and the community we serve
• Creation of a community hub with access to school and recreation facilities that meet the needs of the community
New Recreation Centre and Seniors Centre

Benefits of Recreation
- Personal Health and Wellness
- Strong Communities
- Safe Communities
- Community Leadership
- Social Inclusion
New Recreation Centre and Seniors Centre

Compatibility with High Schools

• Current examples demonstrate ability for senior’s programming to work in or near a high school
• Design will be key to ensure separation of space, dedicated access and use etc.
New Recreation Facilities

Greater Access to Recreation

• New facilities to be barrier free – AODA compliant
• Leisure Pool – diverse program opportunities and appeals to a large section of the population
• Embrace new ideas for modern recreation facilities. (2008 Indoor Study)
• Children, youth, adult and seniors health and wellness programming
Recreation Program Opportunities

• Seniors Centre – 2400 plus members
• Summer Camps, March Break Camp, Art, Music and Cooking
• Yoga, Zumba, Tia Chi, Fitness
• Basketball, Volleyball, Pickle Ball
• Inclusive Programming
• Community Meetings
Partnership History

• Partnership projects with HWDSB date back to 1960
• Currently the City and HWDSB have 12 joint recreation and/or aquatics facilities
• New partnership projects include tennis courts and cricket cages
Working Together

To help support these partnerships staff developed the Property Liaison Committee in 2012

Purpose
• To provide recommendations and/or expedite projects that affect both parties

Accountability
• Report to Senior Management on all matters arising from the meetings
Examples of Other Joint Projects

- City of Mississauga and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
  - Several joint projects with Municipality
  - Erin Meadows, Churchill Meadows and Courtney Park are three of the largest examples
- South Fish Creek – Calgary
- City of Burlington – HABER Recreation Centre
Erin Meadows - Mississauga
HABER Recreation Centre - Burlington
Key Learnings – Joint Projects

• Joint projects save money on capital costs
• Joint projects create hubs of services for individuals and families
• Communication is key – particularly between School Board and Municipalities
• Development of agreements critical (joint construction, operating, maintenance)
Jimmy Thompson Pool

- Staff commissioned a consultant to conduct a preliminary assessment of the potential cultural heritage value (completed Aug. 2013)
- Conclusion that building has cultural heritage value due to physical design, setting in the community and its historic association with events in Hamilton
Jimmy Thompson Pool

• Given the findings in the report the HWDSB and City agree that expertise in redeveloping heritage structures should be included in the RFP process
• A request for Designation of the pool was recently received
• The Council-adopted Heritage Designation Process will proceed
Funding

• Motion regarding $7.55 million funding gap before Committee for discussion
• Further options for funding include:
  • Accessing uncommitted funds from OMPF, HUC Special Dividend, Ward Area Capital Reserves and Council Strategic Capital Reserve
  • Fund through City’s Capital Levy (and re-prioritize discretionary funding available for other projects)
Memorandum of Agreement

- City Manager authorized to enter into an MoA with HWDSB in March, 2013
- MoA provides the initial parameters for project development and working relationship
- Conditions for moving forward also included
  - City – key condition on funding
  - HWDSB – key condition on acquiring land
- Questions raised regarding funding clause and ownership of land
Next Steps

• Approval of the funding strategy would allow project to proceed
• City and HWDSB would work on development of Joint Construction agreement, Maintenance and Operating agreements
• RFP for Consultant on the Joint Project would be released
Questions