SUBJECT: Ivor Wynne Stadium, Options for Federation Internationale de Football Association (F.I.F.A.) Approved Soccer Games (CS05016) (City Wide)

COMMENDATION:

(a) That the Ivor Wynne Stadium, Options for Federation Internationale de Football Association (F.I.F.A.) Approved Soccer Games report CS05016 be received for information only.

(b) That Item (d) “Turf at Ivor Wynne Stadium” be removed from the Outstanding Business Item List.

Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager
Public Health and Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In March of 2003, City Council approved the capital replacement of the artificial turf at Ivor Wynne Stadium with direction to complete the work prior to June 1 2003, in time for the start of the Hamilton Tiger Cat regular season. On July 9, 2003, Committee of the Whole further directed staff to report on options to address the use of Ivor Wynne Stadium for F.I.F.A approved and sanctioned soccer games.
Staff identified three options considering capital costs, ongoing operating costs and the fact that Hamilton had to bid to host a F.I.F.A. sanctioned soccer event with no assurances given as to the success of such a bid. Given the significant cost implications, staff are recommending that Ivor Wynne Stadium be maintained as a primary football facility and not be altered to support F.I.F.A. sanctioned soccer.

BACKGROUND:

On March 6, 2003, City Council approved Item #47P of Report 03-002 of Committee of the Whole, approving the capital replacement of the turf at Ivor Wynne Stadium and thereby directing staff to issue an R.F.P. for the supply, removal, and installation of artificial turf at Ivor Wynne Stadium. This construction was required to be completed no later than June 1, 2003 in order to ensure the Hamilton Tiger Cat regular season would not be interrupted.

Staff issued an R.F.P., selected a proponent, and had the turf installed in time and on budget. The turf has CFL markings only and while this is appropriate for community soccer it does not meet F.I.F.A. requirements to have an international event.

If Council still wishes to consider Ivor Wynne Stadium as a site for F.I.F.A. sanctioned soccer events, painting over existing lines is the most cost effective; however, there will be wear and tear on the turf.

ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES:

Staff looked at three options to try and meet the F.I.F.A. international soccer specifications. The three options that were considered were as follows:

1. Removing the existing field markings from the current field.
2. Identifying a paint application to cover the existing lines.
3. Upgrade Brian Timmis Stadium for International soccer.
ANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

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<th>Estimated Costs</th>
<th>OPTION 1 Estimated Costs associated with removing C.F.L. markings</th>
<th>OPTION 2 Estimated cost to paint over existing lines to meet F.I.F.A. standard</th>
<th>OPTION 3 Estimated cost to direct soccer groups to Brian Timmis Stadium</th>
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The costs noted above may need to be adjusted upwards depending on time needed to perform each conversion based on the scheduling of the facility and the weather experienced at time of conversion.

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:

There are no policies affecting this proposal.

CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:

Canadian Soccer Association
Hamilton District Soccer Association
Glanbrook Soccer Association
City of Ottawa - Ottawa Renegades
City of Montreal – Montreal Alouettes
McMaster University

STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:

This recommendation is in keeping with the City’s goal to spend wisely and invest strategically by maximizing value for taxpayers’ dollars. Taking the time to search for the right opportunity to identify partners and financial sources that do not burden the taxpayer is a wise investment.