

### Recommendation:

(a) That the scope, for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for the Coronation Arena project (No. 2344), be amended to include the renovation of the existing Coronation Arena rather than a redevelopment of the arena into a three pad complex, as part of a public/private partnership.

(b) That staff be directed to submit a formal letter to Infrastructure Canada requesting approval of the change of scope for the Coronation Arena Project (No. 2344), to include the renovation of the existing Coronation Arena rather than a redevelopment of the arena into a three pad complex, as part of a public/private partnership.

### Executive Summary

As part of the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) application process staff submitted a project request for Coronation Arena (Project No. 2344) to undertake the redevelopment of Coronation Arena and the replacement of the outdoor pool. The $3 million funding program includes $1 million in funding from each of the three levels of government.
Part of the project scope for the submission included the replacement of Coronation Arena and the potential development of a three-pad ice complex as part of a public/private partnership.

The public/private partnership opportunities have been reviewed and are not viable at this time. Therefore, due to the time limitations and challenges that may result in the City not meeting the terms and conditions of the ISF Agreement and the risk of potential claw back of the funding, staff recommend that the scope of the project be changed to include the renovation of the existing Coronation arena rather then a redevelopment of the arena into a three pad complex as part of a public/private partnership. The replacement of the outdoor swimming pool, as outlined in the submission, will remain.

Staff are confident that the work to renovate the arena and replace the existing outdoor pool can be completed within the terms and conditions provided by Infrastructure Canada. Construction on the new outdoor swimming pool and renovations to the arena would commence in April 2010.

In consultation with Infrastructure Canada representatives, a formal letter with a resolution from Council is required before approval can be granted to change the scope of the project.

**FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** (for Recommendation(s) only)

**Financial:**
There are no financial implications associated with Report CS10015 unless Infrastructure Canada does not approve the change of scope; whereby, the project could not be completed.

**Staffing:**
There are no staffing implications associated with Report CS10015.

**Legal:**
There are no legal implications associated with Report CS10015.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

On June 5, 2009, the City of Hamilton received funding approval, as part of the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, to undertake the redevelopment of Coronation outdoor pool and arena. A total of $3 million was approved from Infrastructure Canada with funding being shared equally between all levels of government (federal, provincial, and municipal). Part of the project scope included the decommissioning of Coronation
Arena with the goal to replace the arena with a new three-pad ice complex in the west Hamilton area as part of a public/private partnership.

Due to the time limitations and challenges that may result in the City not meeting the terms and conditions of the agreement and the risk of potential claw back of the funding, staff recommend that the project scope be changed to include the renovation of Coronation arena rather then building a three pad arena as part of a potential public/private partnership. The public/private partnership opportunities were reviewed and are not viable at this time.

Infrastructure Canada requests Council approval for the scope change of the project and a letter requesting the change in scope. With approval from Council, City staff will submit a letter to Infrastructure Canada to change the arena replacement project to an arena renovation. The replacement of the outdoor pool as part of the original submission remains unchanged.

With approvals, construction of the outdoor pool and renovations of Coronation Arena will begin in April 2010 with completion expected, prior to March 31, 2011, as part of the ISF deadline criteria.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications to report CS10015.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

The Corporate Services Department has been consulted with regard to the Infrastructure application.

**ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

If approval is not received by Infrastructure Canada to change the scope of the project, part or all of the funding could be clawed back resulting with no funding for the replacement of the outdoor pool or renovations to Coronation Arena.
ALTHERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

No funding alternatives are recommended at this time.

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APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

None.