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CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF:

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May 7, 2006

City Council
City of Kingston
City Hall

COMMUNICATION
No: 12-387

Dear Councillors and Mayor

It was unfortunate but I could not attend the Multiplex Community Center Steering Committee meeting of May 1st as I was involved in the inaugural meeting of the Kingston Association of Aquatic Recreation and Sport. I believe I can confidently say you will have an appreciation for this Association in the coming months.

I understand that the Committee's recommendation to Council was carried for a Business Plan with respect to an Aquatic Center being phased in as part of the Multiplex Center. There is an associated budget envelope of \$100,000 associated with this proposal.

Several points merit your consideration.

Pool users remain firm that this City's pool service levels are 60% below that of other comparable municipalities. You can perform all the user surveys you wish, but *use* has remained static for at least the past 25 years at an established 95%+ utilization rate. With increased population, service levels have declined since Artillery Park was built 40 years ago. Therefore user surveys are redundant and service level measurements are key.

A recently released Pool User Survey from the City raised the dubious prospect that the pool survey would establish nothing more than re-affirming the Community's demographics, the mode of transportation or gender of the user. The survey was superfluous to the matter of validating the identified deficiency in this community. Nothing less than the model of the Arena Capacity Study is expected from the Association's perspective. For a \$100,000 study we trust an in-depth analysis and evaluation of service levels will be undertaken. Otherwise, there is little if anything to study.

The preliminary survey also assumed that pool users could be surveyed in the same framework as ice users. This is not the case. While 90% of ice use can be attributed to organized youth and adult hockey leagues, organized swimming organizations utilize less than 20% of the Artillery Park Pool. The rest is made up of Aqua Fit classes, moms and tots and formalized swimming lessons, public swims, etc. Recognizing and identifying the balance of the pool use and service deficiency is not easy.

cc - Mayor, Council
Cmt.
Susan Pawley
CAO & Clerk 8

May 11, 2006

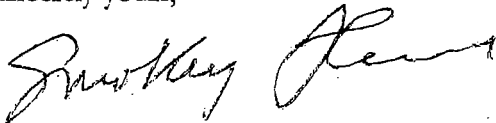
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Your Management Consultant, MHPM prides itself in the business of Project Management and while it appears suited to deliver the management of the RFP for the Multiplex in the tendering and procurement activities related to the construction project, its attempts to develop a Pool User Survey were in our view feeble and misguided.

I believe the City needs the services of a Planning Consultant specializing in leisure, recreation, sport and culture, who has worked with municipal and provincial jurisdictions, not-for-profit organizations and boards, with a proven track record of preparing master plans, feasibility studies and strategic Plans. One firm cannot do both Project Management and Planning.

On behalf of the Pool Users in this community the Kingston Association of Aquatic Recreation and Sport trusts you will ensure their interests are investigated by those most qualified to do so.

Sincerely yours,



Smokey Thomas

Provisional Chair, Kingston Association of Aquatic Recreation and Sport



Clerk's Department MEMORANDUM

TO: Councillor K. George

FROM: Carolyn Downs, City Clerk

DATE: 2006-05-03


**SUBJECT: RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT TO THE MULTIPLEX COMMUNITY
ADVISORY GROUP**

At the regular meeting of Kingston City Council held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, the following Motion (3), was approved:

- (2) Moved by Councillor K. George
Seconded by Councillor E. Smith
THAT the resignation of Morgan Elliott, representative of Sports Kingston, from the multiplex Community Advisory Group be accepted, and
THAT Council approve the appointment of Linda Whitfield as the representative of Sports Kingston on the multiplex community advisory Group.

CARRIED

Yours truly,


Carolyn Downs
City Clerk

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Cc: S. Rideout, Committee Clerk

File No. C12



**Council Support
Multiplex Community Centre Project
Steering Committee
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**

To: Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth

Cc: Christine Hannaford, Executive Assistant
Mark Fluhrer, Director, Culture and Recreation

From: Susan Powley, Committee Clerk

Date: 05th May 2006

Subject: Report MP-06-003: Authorization to Proceed with the Multiplex Request for Proposal Documents for the Design and Construction of the Four Arena Portion of the Community Facility

At the 01st May Multiplex Steering Committee meeting, the Committee approved the recommendation within the above report with amendments noted as follows:

*Moved by Councillor Stoparczyk
Seconded by Councillor Patterson*

That it be recommended that:

Council authorizes City staff to issue to the five short-listed Design-Build teams the addendum to the Design-Build Request for Proposal (RFP DCS-MP-2005-01) for the Multiplex Community Centre based on the documents provided to Council,

- and further -

That the following amendments be made within the Request for Proposal:

- i. That the request for an Olympic sized arena be removed from the RFP, and*
 - ii. That incremental costing for seating for all four ice pads and the costs for folding seats in the larger arena be added, and*
 - iii. That a rough in for an eat in (roadhouse style) restaurant be added.*
- and further -*

That Council approve the concepts as outlined in the attached draft addendum to the Design-Build Request for Proposal and that staff be directed to undertake all related contracts, amendments and agreements to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor related to the direction of Council on the business and policy commentary set out in the Multiplex business plan, and

That Council approve the expenditure of \$350,000 to proceed with the next steps required to meet the established timeframes as approved in the 2006 Capital Budget, and

That staff develop a detailed 'Repurposing Strategy' and report back to Council by the beginning of June 2006, and

That Council approves an additional budget envelope in the amount of \$100,000 to allow staff to proceed with all necessary work required to develop a business plan for the pool, continued consultation with various stakeholders and community groups and the preparation of final recommendations in a report to Council.

- *and further –*

That following the closing of the RFP and subsequent staff evaluation, that a review of staff recommendations regarding the award of the contract will be considered within a joint meeting held by the Steering Committee together with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) noting the advisory role of CAG,

- *and further –*

That the Steering Committee will provide a recommendation regarding the award of the RFP to Council.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Susan Powley,
Committee Clerk



MEMORANDUM
SUSTAINABILITY & GROWTH GROUP
Commissioner's Office

TO: Multiplex Steering Committee & Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Cynthia Beach, P.Eng., Commissioner
DATE: May 30, 2006
RE: **Director, Project Development**

The Sustainability and Growth Group would like to introduce Lanie Hurdle, Director, Project Development. Lanie will be directing the Multiplex Community Centre Project effective May 29, 2006.

Lanie will be working with groups dedicated to the Multiplex Project, including staff, the Multiplex Steering Committee and the Community Advisory Group through the completion of this project. Lanie has previously worked with the City of Ottawa and the Township of Russell.

Lanie's office is located in the West Wing of City Hall on the second floor. Should you have any questions regarding the Multiplex, do not hesitate to contact her at 546-4291 ext. 1231 or by email at lhurdle@cityofkingston.ca.

Please join me in welcoming Lanie to the City of Kingston as we proceed with this project.



Cynthia Beach, P.Eng., Commissioner
Sustainability & Growth Group