

REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2023

TITLE: Civic Centre Project Update

DIVISION: Community & Protective Services

SUMMARY:

To provide an update to Council on the Civic Centre project.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion is not required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

During the October 17, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, Administration provided a construction update to Committee. At that meeting an overall update on the design, construction status and next steps, including future updates to Council was provided. Since that meeting, significant work has been completed and Administration believes another update to Council would be valuable.

Design and Tendering

The design of the Civic Centre has been finalized and the entire project has been tendered. The project was tendered using a sequential tendering process that allows work to proceed while design details are finalized. At the time of writing this report, three packages have been awarded and the final two packages are being reviewed and scrutinized.

Construction

The construction manager has mobilized on site and the project has officially moved into the construction phase. The contractor has full control of the site, and material is starting to be delivered. Temporary utilities, construction offices and staff equipment are in place.

Although there is not a lot of heavy equipment on site, there is significant work being undertaken in the background. Shop drawings for all approved scopes of work are being prepared, rebar cages for the piles are being constructed off sight and details related to major aspects of the project such as the pre-engineered structures, ice plant and air handling units are all being finalized.

Upcoming Work and Future Updates

The next substantial work related to construction is focused on finalizing and awarding the final tenders, ordering the pre-engineered structures and major mechanical and electrical equipment and to begin installation of piles, foundations, and utilities.

In addition to construction, work will continue on operational planning for the facility. This work includes finalizing staffing plans, updating operating budgets, sponsorship, and naming, and continuing to work with other City departments to ensure all aspects of operating the Civic Centre are captured. A large part of the operational planning is the ongoing stakeholder engagement to help align stakeholders needs and expectations with operational plans.

Future updates to Council will come primarily in the form of regular briefing notes. However, at significant milestones in the project, Administration will prepare a formal presentation and provide in-person updates.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

n/a

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

Engagement with major and minor stakeholders is continuing. Of note, City Administration retained the services of an accessibility consultant with significant lived experience to undertake a plan review. The consultant reviewed the drawings at a 75 per cent complete stage. The feedback provided assisted Administration and the design team to incorporate changes that enhance accessibility of the facility.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

n/a

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As mentioned, Administration and the design team are reviewing final tender submissions. An update on the budget will be provided following this review.