

DATE: February 16, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Blake McIntosh, Director Civic Operations

SUBJECT: Jumpstart Multisport Court Initiative- Update 2022

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 16, 2022 from the Director of Civic Operations titled "Jumpstart Multisport Court Initiative – Update 2022".

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the Jumpstart Multisport Court capital project previously presented in late 2021. At that time, Administration had presented the overall concept, potential location and was requesting inclusion of the project in the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan. Mr. Marco Di Buono, Associate Vice President, Programs & Operations, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, will be in attendance to participate in the presentation of this report and answer questions from Council.

BACKGROUND:

In spring of 2021, the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity contacted the City to explore the establishment of an inclusive play project. Through the engagement process, Administration worked with the Jumpstart Charity to establish which inclusive play facility could support the City's current recreational facility inventory. A Multisport Court was chosen as it provides multiple sport configurations and can serve all ages and abilities.

The Multisport Court project is a partnership between the City of Prince George and Jumpstart Charity that requires site development and financial commitment from the City to complete the site construction works. Jumpstart, through its contractor, provides equipment, materials and associated construction services to build the facility once the site has been developed and prepared. The City's contribution would involve preparing the site to the required standard for the court. Site preparation would include geotechnical investigation, earthworks, site grading, asphalt pad, electrical servicing, accessibility improvements and associated costs to complete these works.

A civil consultant was procured and provided the City with geotechnical reports, site design/construction drawings and a construction estimate for tendering purposes within the 2022 construction season. It had been suggested that past construction costs for base prep and pad construction were in the range of \$300,000. Geotechnical investigation and civil site design revealed that the chosen site would require substantial earthworks and engineered fill to achieve

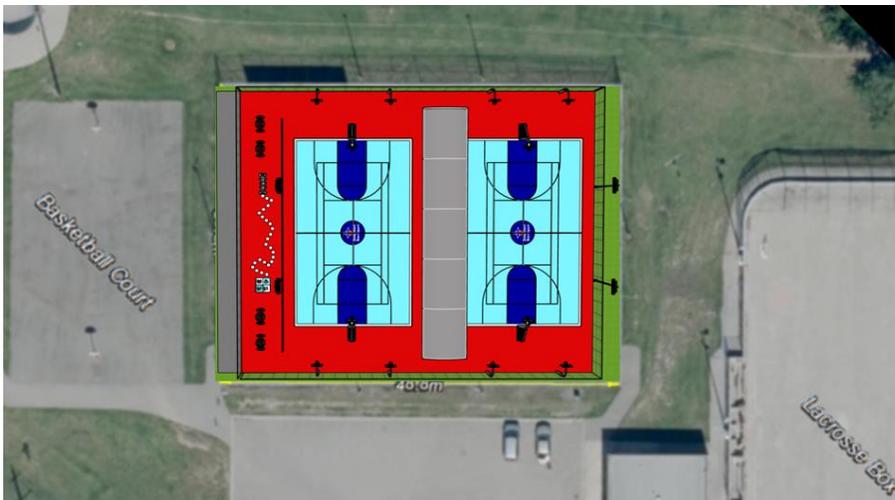
the requirements necessary for the multisport court. The cost of this work is estimated at 4 to 5 times greater than the original suggested budget. As this location is not fiscally feasible, an alternative location has been selected.

The existing tennis courts across from new Fire Hall #1 along Massey Drive is the new alternate location. (Figure 1.) The long standing tennis courts are in need of surface renewal and should provide a stable structure for the multisport court requirements. Administration will conduct a smaller scale geotechnical program to confirm suitability. The work program will also include a review of the existing electrical system capacity and a condition assessment of the existing washroom facilities. At the conclusion of the site investigation, staff will provide Council an estimated budget for site preparation and potential costs associated with washroom facility renewal and upgrades. Future site development may include expansion of the existing parking lot. Conceptual court layout is reflected in Figure 2.

Figure 1.



Figure 2.



**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

The Multisport Court project supports and promotes our community's active living and relates to myPG goals of social connections, clear identity and pride, health and wellness and equity and inclusion. The renewal of an existing recreational asset also supports sustainable infrastructure and sustainable fiscal management.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The City will be responsible for funding all works associated with preparing the site for court construction. Construction estimates will be created and submitted to the Council for inclusion and approval within the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan. Jumpstart Charities will build the inclusive multisport court valued at \$500,000. The City is also required to agree to and sign a Gift Agreement with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities that reflects both parties commitment to the project, construction responsibilities, legacy works that include annual maintenance by the City and recognition in the form of Jumpstart naming rights and branding. The Gift Agreement will be finalized subject to Council approval of the Multisport Court capital project in the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

The Jumpstart Multisport Court initiative is a partnership project between the City of Prince George and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. The project will provide a "new", all-inclusive and fully accessible court facility within an existing recreation corridor. The City will be responsible for funding and development of the site to a standard that supports construction of the facility. Jumpstart Charities will provide construction services, materials and equipment to complete the multisport court. The City will complete site investigation, design and construction estimates that will support inclusion within the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan, subject to Council approval. Completion of this worthwhile endeavor is still scheduled for 2022. At the conclusion of preliminary works, Administration will provide an updated cost estimate for Council consideration and approval.

Mr. Marco Di Buono, Associate Vice President, Programs & Operations, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, will be in attendance to participate in the presentation of this report and answer questions from Council.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

**Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations**

**APPROVED:**

**Walter Babicz, City Manager**

Meeting Date: 2022/02/28