

DATE: December 5, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Civic Core District Plan – Update December 2022

ATTACHMENT(S): Civic Core District Plan PowerPoint Presentation – Stantec;
Civic Core Plan - report to Council–March 28, 2022

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated December 5, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Civic Core District Plan – Update December 2022”.

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with an update on the selection of consultant services for the Civic Core District Plan and for the consultant to provide an overview of their proposed plan.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Civic Core District Plan project intends to align a number of community needs, as expressed through the Official Community Plan downtown vision (2012), Community Recreation Services Plan (2014), and Economic Development Strategy (2020-2025).

BACKGROUND:

The Civic Core District Plan is a continuation of the Smart Growth on the Ground Concept Plan which was developed in August 2009. The Civic Core District Plan is intended to focus on the expansion of the existing Civic Plaza with the benefit of attracting development in the area, the expansion of greenspace in the downtown and to provide the opportunity for a downtown transit exchange. The expanded Civic Plaza will look at opportunities to address challenges with aging facilities infrastructure (Kopar Memorial Arena, PG Playhouse, Studio 2880, etc.), as well address other opportunities to create a vibrant downtown.

In March 2022, Council directed Administration to proceed with the next steps in the preparation of the Civic Core District Plan. A request for proposals (RFP) was completed through the City's Procurement Department between June and July 2022, and Stantec Consulting as selected as the lead proponent in September 2022.

Stantec has prepared a brief overview presentation of their proposed plan which will include current state analysis, public engagement and First Nations consultation to develop a Civic Core District Plan for implementation. The finalized plan is to be completed by December 31, 2023.

SUMMARY:

Stantec Consulting has been selected as the consultant for the development of a Civic Core District Plan which is to be completed by December 31, 2023.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

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APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2022/12/19