




TO: Mayor Anna Allen and Members of Windsor Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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SUBJECT: Update # 2: Hockey Arena & Heritage Project – Long Pond Site

ORIGIN

The following is the second in a series of Weekly Updates

INFORMATION

Since last Wednesday February 28th, the following has transpired:

- An Information Session will be held on **March 13th 2018 at 7:00pm to be hosted at the Community Centre**. The public will see a presentation on the project and have an opportunity to ask questions and obtain factual information.
- Staff continue to work closely with the architect in a redesign of the project.
- The architect and the quantity surveyors are working in parallel to provide us with reliable design and construction estimates / costs
- The business case that accompanies this application is still in flux as we determine the viability of a project and whether a submission can be made before 31 March 2018.
- The CAO has had conversations with the Deputy Minister of NSTiR on a number of factors related to the project status. Discussions are continuing.
- We have started some conversations with KES and other organizations and businesses on funding opportunities.
- We do not have any fundraising commitments to report to date but good progress.
- The fundraising target remains \$1 million to build an arena; with additional funding over that amount, we may be able to leverage funds for a walking track. This is slated for Phase 2
- A lot of good feedback from the community on the decision to move forward and that is appreciated
- NS Museums will be meeting with the President of the Hockey Heritage Society to review plans for an expanded footprint at the Haliburton House.
- GFL Newport Recreation Board members have been immensely helpful to us on our projected operating costs and staffing requirements. Their help and cooperation on all aspects of the design and operations of the proposed facility has been outstanding
- People have been asking where they can donate their funds and we will make this known on March 13th at the Information Session.
- We continue to encourage questions and responses are provided through the “Fact Sheets Re: Hockey Arena” on the homepage of our website.
- We encourage people seeking facts to email Shelleena Thornton or myself
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