



REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE

For City Council – September 26, 2022

From: Office of the City Clerk

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Title: Community School Gymnasium Use Program – New Northside Elementary

Description:

Council-in-Committee, at its session held on September 12, 2022 considered an administrative report from the Manager of Recreation, Culture and Community Development which requested Council prioritize budget with respect to a contribution partnership with the Province of New Brunswick to provide 1/3 of the total cost of construction for additional floor space, scoreboard, bleachers and the provision of a desk area at the community entrance for supervision at the new northside elementary school location. Total estimated cost for the project would be 1/3 of \$135,000 for a total agreement amount of \$45,000.

Council's direction is required on this matter as the Province of NB is engaging in the schematic design of the new northside elementary school and require a response from the City of Fredericton regarding the potential additions prior to the completion of the design phase.

The City of Fredericton in partnership with Anglophone School District West have a community school agreement in place that allows community access to gymnasiums and sport fields outside of school use on an annual basis. The City of Fredericton on an annual basis works closely with the school district on scheduling the facilities as part of the agreement. The capital budget contributions committed previously by City of Fredericton Council has allowed for the provision of a higher standard of facility available to the community. Previous partnerships include Connaught St Elementary and the commitment to the new elementary school construction on Cuffman St. The contributions directly impact the quality of the gymnasium by allowing for the construction of additional floor area, scoreboard, installation of bleachers, and a desk area to be used by community school supervisors at entry points to the gymnasium.

The investment in capital infrastructure in elementary school gyms provide easier and earlier access to the community school gyms as elementary schools do not operate as many extra curricular activities in their facilities allowing the community to access the gymnasiums at 5:30pm rather than the current middle school operations that can begin at 7:30pm. The investment also allows the municipality to access higher quality and larger gyms for community sport and leisure groups alike.

The Committee directed that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED that that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby direct the City Treasurer to include \$45,000 as a priority for the 2023 capital budget to provide 1/3 of the total cost of construction for additional floor space, scoreboard, bleachers and the provision of a desk area at the community entrance for supervision at the new northside elementary school location.