

Committee of the Whole Report

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TITLE: SPORTS VILLAGE WORKING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

FROM:

Mary Reali, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
Michael Coroneos, Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To coincide with the September 1, 2019 fiscal year for the Sports Village Complex, this report requests that the City of Vaughan representation on the Sports Village Working Committee (the “Working Committee”) be comprised of one (1) Member of Council and three (3) City staff, effective September 1, 2019.

Report Highlights

- The Sports Village Complex is a multi-sport recreation and park facility which is managed by the Mentana Group who are responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day business operations.
- The Sports Village Lease Agreement stipulates that the Working Committee be comprised of four (4) members from the City of Vaughan and three (3) members from the Mentana Group.
- The new fiscal year for the Sports Village Complex commences on September 1, 2019.

Recommendations

1. That one (1) Member of Council be appointed to the City of Vaughan representation on the Sports Village Working Committee, effective September 1, 2019.
2. That the remaining three (3) City of Vaughan representatives on the Sports Village Working Committee be comprised of members from the Portfolios of

Community Services and the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer, as determined by the City's Corporate Management Team, effective September 1, 2019.

Background

In 1999, the City of Vaughan (the "City") entered into a public private partnership with the Mentana Group to develop The Sports Village Complex.

Pursuant to the Sports Village Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), the City (the "Landlord") maintains ownership of the land with a portion leased to the Mentana Group (the "Tenant"). The land lease has a 40-year term which expires on June 30, 2040. When this date is reached, total control of the property reverts to the City, including the existing building which is owned and operated by the Tenant.

The Sports Village is a multi-sport recreation and park facility consisting of four indoor ice pads, two outdoor baseball diamonds (senior and junior), beach volleyball courts, bocce courts, and a skating path (skating path decommissioned 10 years ago). This site is also a host to a private educational academy for high performance athletes.

The Mentana Group is responsible for managing all aspects of the day-to-day business operations including, but not limited to, the ice and related programming, food and beverage, maintenance and marketing, promotion of the facility, and the maintenance of the complex in a good state of condition/repair.

Working Committee

Excerpt from the Lease Agreement, Section 8.1 Working Committee stipulates

"(1) The Tenant and the Landlord hereby establish a seven member committee (the "Working Committee") to establish and implement certain policies and standards relating to the Project which shall be comprised of four members authorized and appointed at all times by the Landlord and three members authorized and appointed at all times by Tenant, who shall be authorized to bind the Landlord and Tenant, respectively, in respect of any matters within the jurisdiction of the Working Committee."

The Working Committee meets regularly, and responsibilities include:

- Regular review and approval of annual budgets
- Ongoing financial reporting requirements
- Operational matters

The following members are currently on the Working Committee from the City of Vaughan:

- Representative from Community Services
- Representative from Financial Planning & Development Finance
- Representative from Facility Services
- Representative from Recreation Services

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

The Working Committee serves as a strategic link between the City of Vaughan and the Mentana Group. The fiscal year begins on September 1, 2019 and having a representative from Council to the existing Working Committee for the new operating year would provide a strategic lens and further strengthen this existing partnership.

Should the composition change for this Working Committee as recommended, non-member City staff may be invited to attend on an ad hoc basis (non-voting), as subject matter experts so that the broadest perspectives are available for decision-making.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact as a result of this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no implications to the Region or to other levels of government as a result of this report.

Conclusion

The Sports Village Working Committee is a strategic element to the partnership between the City of Vaughan and the Mentana Group. It provides good governance and continues to enhance the organizations principles and mission to further strengthen public trust, accountability, transparency and fiduciary responsibility.

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Attachments

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