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## ADDITIONAL AGENDA

### Council

**Date:** February 17, 2021  
**Time:** 9:30 AM  
**Location:** Online Video Conference

#### Members

Mayor Bonnie Crombie	
Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Dipika Damerla	Ward 7
Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

#### Participate Virtually and/or via Telephone

Advance registration is required to participate and/or make a comment in the virtual meeting. **Questions for Public Question Period are required to be provided to Clerk's staff at least 24 hours in an advance of the meeting.** Any materials you wish to show the Committee during your presentation must be provided as an attachment to the email. Links to cloud services will not be accepted. Comments submitted will be considered as public information and entered into public record.

To register, please email [stephanie.smith@mississauga.ca](mailto:stephanie.smith@mississauga.ca) and for Residents without access to the internet via computer, smartphone or tablet, can register by calling Stephanie Smith at 905-615-3200 ext. 3795 no later than **Monday, February 15, 2021 before 4:00PM**. You will be provided with directions on how to participate from Clerks' staff.

#### Contact

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**7.            DEPUTATIONS**

\*7.5.            This item was removed

Dr. Masoom Shah, President, Pak Pioneers Community Organization of Canada regarding the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Redevelopment

**15.           CORRESPONDENCE**

15.1.            Information Items

\*15.1.5.            A letter from Athena Tagidou, Resident and member of the Applewood Hills & Heights Residents' Association regarding the redevelopment of the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre

\*15.1.6.            A letter from David Shum, Resident, regarding the Burnthamthorpe Community Centre Redevelopment

Request for this letter to be included in the Correspondence for the Feb. 17, 2021 Council Meeting

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February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Mayor Crombie, Member of Council and City Staff,

**Re: Request for your Reconsideration of Decision to Remove the Burnhamthorpe Community Center Outdoor Covered Arena due to Concerns on the Redevelopment Plans of the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.**

Considering the impact the Covid-19 reality has had to governments including municipalities around the world it is requested that you reconsider the demolition of the outdoor covered arena at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre as well as for the community centre's redevelopment plans at this time. Plans and decisions for this redevelopment and outdoor covered rink removal were all made prior to March 2020.

The plans and discussions by City staff for the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre's (BCC) redevelopment which included the 'decommissioning' of one ice pad began over 4 years ago and are included in the Council approved *2019 Recreation Master Plan* as part of the Capital Infrastructure Changes. Throughout this time period these redevelopment plans and potential removal of one 'ice pad' were never brought to the attention of the Ward 3 residents in any public engagement sessions inviting and allowing residents to give their feedback on what kind of facilities they would like to see available at their local community center as well as to give their input on the City's plans on the decommissioning of one local 'ice-pad'. There was no mention of any of these plans in the Ward Councillor's newsletters nor email updates prior to September 25, 2020.

For the building and redevelopment of the Churchill Meadows Community Center and Meadowvale Community Center community engagements meetings inviting and welcoming the residents to give their feedback and to be part of the City's planning process were held much prior to decisions being made and Council approved. The first time that the communication of the BCC's redevelopment plans was made to the Ward 3 residents/community at large was on Sept. 25, 2020 from the Councillor's email update informing residents of an open house presentation that was to take place on October 1, 2020 from 3 pm – 7 pm.

As a result, From the City's *Our Engagement Strategy*, July 2017 and updated in 2019 document, the mandated strategies as to be followed by City Staff for most effective communication between City and participation and involvement from residents for plans being considered in a community were clearly not followed for the changes that were being considered at the BCC and the Outdoor Covered Arena.

In the City's *2019 Recreation Master Plan* reference is made to aquatic and gym facilities as well as other more up-to-date and accessibility changes to be included in this 28 million dollars plus city expense approved in the City's 2018 budget. Nowhere in this document is the plan for the permanent removal of the outdoor rink at the BCC location directly made. However, it is indirectly made known by points made that one 'ice pad' would need to be 'decommissioned' between the existing ice pads at Miss Valley and Burnhamthorpe CC. And, under the Capital Infrastructure Needs section of this document page 26 (44) on the table at the bottom right of the page with information for 'Arena Distribution and Service Levels' the BCC outdoor covered rink is not included in the rinks being considered in the stats that are provided.

Could the exclusion of the BCC outdoor covered arena from this consideration indicate that already it had been pre-planned by City staff that the BCC rink would be the rink to be decommissioned even though it was not directly noted anywhere else in this Plan?

The statement of the Burnhamthorpe's outdoor rinks having reached the end of its life cycle is questionable. Has the life cycle of the Woodhurst's City run rink in West Mississauga also come to its end? Both the BCC outdoor rink and Woodhurst's were built only a few years apart from each other in the mid to late 1970's. Is the City also considering demolishing that outdoor rink for the same reason of it having reached the end of its life cycle?

In mid-December 2020 after Mr. Galati's online petition as well as news media coverage in early January 2021 brought much awareness to the thousands of residents of the City's plans to remove the BCC outdoor arena with over 8,200 supporters to date, City staff then proposed meeting with the community to discuss the possibility of relocating this outdoor rink to Gulliden Park next to the BCC or at the Jaycee Park across the street from the BCC. The cost of rebuilding this complete outdoor covered arena of its size and value is very likely much greater than maintaining and keeping it at its present location.

The additional importance of this outdoor rink is its history and heritage and the fact that it was fully constructed with funds raised by the residents and Ward 3 Rate-payer Associations. The Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Building Committee was created and in the early 1970's through the **Buy a Brick Campaign**, as well as with many fundraising events, collected \$100,000 with the goal to donate this to the City and contribute to building the local BCC community center. The monies were then used for the BCC's outdoor rink with the purpose that it be available for free skating for all residents of Mississauga. No other City facility in Mississauga's history has been built with full donations from residents and rate-payer associations of such a significant amount to date. This \$100,000 amount from the mid 1970's is valued today at well over \$600,000.

This is not sentiment based but on facts as well as a part of the BCC's and the City of Mississauga's history. For this reason, the BCC Outdoor Arena should be recognized as one of the City's Landmark locations and highlighting the residents' and Rate-payers' personal contributions and donations of that time to the City for this outdoor rink's construction. Below is a photo of the first **Golden Brick** celebrated by then Mayor Chic Murray, Ward 3 Councillor Bud Gregory, Lucille Firth from the Forest Glenn Ratepayers and members of the BCC building committee:



Which would be more cost efficient for the City: the demolition of and rebuilding this same outdoor covered arena at either one of the parks near the BCC or keeping this unique Mississauga facility at its present location and maintaining it accordingly as well as preserving its historical significance between the residents with the City?

Perhaps, reviewing and reconsidering the other designs that are available for the BCC's redevelopment can again be made; and especially so after the many immediate and long-term financial challenges to the City from Covid-19.

The request is being made for you to consider all the above points and please make the decision to not destroy the BCC Outdoor Covered Arena. And, along with community engagement meetings, together with residents and City staff the review/reassessment of the proposed designs for the redevelopment of the BCC can be made.

The BCC outdoor arena is not only a part of the City's history and heritage but also an asset to the community of Ward 3 and for all residents in Mississauga; As well as being the only facility of its kind in the City.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Athina Tagidou

Ward 3 Resident and member of the Applewood Hills & Heights Residents' Association

To: Mayor Crombie, Council Members, and City Staff

From: David Shum and Family, Mississauga Resident (22yrs)

Re: BCC Outdoor Rink and Summer Sport Facility.

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Council Meeting

In follow up to my deputation to Council of Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, I remain very concerned regarding the timing and serious implications of this impending demolition.

The Mississauga Community Recovery Framework, published in June of 2020, anticipated that we would be much farther ahead than we are now vs. the pandemic. Key points include the need to re-engage/update communication, “build back better”, consult more often, and include modifications such as the “Older Adult Plan for Recreation, the Youth Plan, and the Sport Plan”. The target for the “Build Back Better Approach was Fall 2020.” This is very serious, and we are at least 1 year behind. Until we are all vaccinated, we need to pause on the removal of any outdoor facility. Especially one that is unique, with no similar option in Mississauga.

The BCC Outdoor facility includes a galvanized steel roof, lights, a smooth concrete floor, boards and a change room. The current boards need replacing for ice hockey, but remain suitable for the current Ball Hockey Leagues. The refrigeration system and floor are good and not near “end of life cycle”; the cost quoted by City Staff, \$1M to keep going for eg. 3yrs; is false. The est. cost for new boards is \$65k.

The City statement that the rink is not well utilized is mis-leading at best. When available after school, weekends and Holidays, free of charge, the rink is highly utilized. The demographic of the East Mississauga area is diverse, as is Brampton and Toronto, where they have 60 refrigerated rinks and we have 3 (only 2 allow stick and puck). We are not different in our desire for outdoor ice.

The current demand for this rink is very high, partly due to the “covid relief” that we all continue to need. The demand for this rink would normally be even higher but, understandably, shinny hockey is not allowed this year.

It is apparent that key facts regarding utilization, maintenance and capital needs, have been altered or selectively omitted by City Staff in order to achieve their desired timing of demolition.

On Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, I spoke with a Dad who was tying up the laces for his young son on the open back of his SUV. It was a bit cold, our conversation was brief. When asked, he said that he knew of the demolition almost a year ago but the City had already decided to build a pool instead and there was “nothing anyone can do”. I thought this to be a sad example for his young son, and my 2 older ones. What do they take away in regard to their future interest in community affairs?

I also thought of our younger kids’ day camps for this summer. They often spend the day indoors at BCC with activities from artwork to archery. The camp supervisors and kids should have the option to use this outdoor, covered facility, rain or shine. Outdoor with distancing is the best way for us to combat the pandemic while maintaining our normal life activities!

Finally, after talking with many, there seems to be a common and real sense of loss in my area of wards 3 and 4. We all appreciate that a new indoor pool and an upgraded, indoor Community Centre is good.

We are certain, however, that taking away something of such value to our community, at this time, is definitely the wrong thing to do.

I appreciate your attention to this important community matter.

Sincerely,

David Shum (Mississauga Resident)

Mary Shum (Mississauga Resident)

Steven Shum(Pocock S.S, U.Guelph grad.)

Ryan Shum(Pocock S.S, Yr.2 Bus.Admin at Sheridan, Hazel McCallion Campus)