

# City of Mississauga Corporate Report



<p>Date: February 13, 2023</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Meeting date: March 8, 2023</p>

## Subject

**Joint-Use and Funding Agreement with the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board for a new Track and Field Facility at City owned lands, Anaka Park (P-094), 7666 Anaka Drive (Ward 5)**

## Recommendation

1. That the Commissioner of Community Services and the City Clerk on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga be authorized to enter into and execute a joint use and funding agreement with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board for a new lit artificial turf track and field facility at City owned lands, Anaka Park, at 7666 Anaka Drive, including all documents ancillary thereto and subsequent amending agreements, all in form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
2. That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to provide a letter of commitment to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board to be shared with the Ministry of Education that outlines the details of the joint-use agreement for the purposes of satisfying the Ministry's funding requirements.
3. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

## Background

City owned lands, Anaka Park, shares property boundary with Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School located at 7640 Anaka Drive whereby a direct pedestrian connection to the school property is achieved via park pathways. Given the shared property boundary and facilities, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) has been seeking partnership opportunities to work with the City of Mississauga on the redevelopment of Anaka Park.

In recognition of mutual benefit to the City and DPCDSB, the City's proposal includes building a new track and field facility, with the majority of the facility on Anaka Park and a small portion on

DPCDSBs lands. This partnership will represent, the school board contributing 50% of the upfront capital cost to construct the new facility while the City will be funding the remainder 50% of capital cost. The improvements are proposed to include a lit artificial turf field, synthetic four lane track and associated park modifications.

The DPCDSB funding request for this joint project has been approved by the School Board of Trustees and pending approval from the Ministry of Education. In order for the project to move forward, and for the Ministry of Education to approve the DPCDSB request for capital funding and ongoing commitment of operating and maintenance costs, Council approval to enter into a Joint Use and Funding Agreement is required.

The City has identified funding in our capital budget forecast anticipating that the board would eventually be successful in securing their funding share. The joint use agreement will establish that each party funds the ongoing maintenance and operation costs as well as the initial capital contribution and future capital replacement costs.

The 2019 Parks and Forestry Master Plan (Future Directions) supports this proposal. Future Directions Recommendation #42 specifically recommends that we engage school boards in discussions to explore the joint development and maintenance of sport fields and hard surface courts. Shared-use facilities are a cost-effective strategy for providing access to new park facilities.

## Comments

Community Services Staff requires Council authority to enter into a joint use and cost sharing agreement with the DPCDSB. The proposal is for the DPCDSB and the City to jointly share on a 50/50 basis the cost of construction, maintenance, repairs and replacement of the track and field facility on the City owned lands at Anaka Park.

The City will be responsible for the construction of the facility with input from the school board on design and construction. Following completion of this facility, the DPCDSB will have exclusive use of the facility during the school hours and the public would have use of the facility after school hours, weekends, statutory holidays and vacation periods. The existing soccer field is regularly permitted by Malton Soccer Club.

Ascension of our Lord Secondary school was previously an elementary school. The outdoor amenity space provided at most secondary schools across Mississauga is significantly reduced. There has been a gap in providing space for field programming and track facilities at this location. Staff in Community Services has met with school board officials, advocates and parents over the last several years in order to develop a concepts that would meet the needs of users and conform to the site.

Should the DPCDSB and the City come to an agreement on proposal details and terms of a joint use and funding agreement, the City will commence construction following receipt of all necessary approvals with anticipated completion in 2024. Prior to commencement of construction, City will undertake a public engagement process seeking to ensure support of residents of the proposed redevelopment at Anaka Park.

## Financial Impact

Funding of \$1,650,000 for the City's 50% cost share portion will be funded from PN 23309 Sports Fields (New)-Lit Artificial Turf Football Field and Track Ascension of Our Lord SS.

## Conclusion

The City has a long standing partnership with the DPCDSB to share facilities on City's lands and vice versa. The City's contribution to this project will ensure community access to a new track and field facility that provides opportunities for residents to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

## Attachments

Appendix 1: Location Map

Appendix 2: Concept Plan



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