

Downtown Event and Entertainment District – Update on Upcoming Reports and Decision Milestones (August 2023)

ISSUE

What is the current anticipated sequence of upcoming reports and decision-making milestones for City Council in relation to the Downtown Event and Entertainment District project?

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on May 17, 2023, the Governance and Priorities Committee received a report entitled “[Downtown Event and Entertainment District - Update on Upcoming Reports and Decision Milestones](#),” which provided an anticipated sequencing of reports and decision milestones.

CURRENT STATUS

The Administration is continuing to advance project development with work ongoing on the:

- 1) analysis of the results of the first phase of public engagement;
- 2) conceptual design for the new event centre, convention centre, public realm, parking, and related civic infrastructure;
- 3) district plan;
- 4) budget estimate for detailed design and construction; and
- 5) revenue tools and funding strategy.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Since reporting on the anticipated timing of upcoming reports and decision milestones in May 2023, the project team has determined that an extension to this timeline is required to gather and prepare the information needed to support some of the upcoming reports. The information needed for these reports is comprehensive and the Administration is currently focused on preparing the necessary reports and information needed to assist City Council with the 2024/2025 budget process. Appendix 1 provides an updated projected timeline of various reports the Administration intends to bring forward over the next year.

IMPLICATIONS

There are no communications, Triple Bottom Line, policy, privacy or CPTED implications or considerations at this time. These will be considered in other future reports as required.

NEXT STEPS

The Administration’s work schedule is targeting early 2024 for reports to City Council with a proposed conceptual design and funding strategy to support the future detailed design and construction. The current project timelines and decision/report milestones are available publicly on the [project webpage](#).

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APPENDICES

1. Downtown Event and Entertainment District Estimated Schedule of Reports (August 2023)

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