
Home Ice Campaign and University of Saskatchewan – Terms of the Contribution Agreement for Additional Funding – Supplemental Information

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide additional information on the planned approach for the onsite acknowledgement of the City of Saskatoon's \$4.0 million contribution to Merlis Belsher Place, and to provide a summary list of the larger-sized contributions to the project.

Report Highlights

1. There were many contributors to the Merlis Belsher Place project. The City of Saskatoon's (City) \$4.0 million contribution is among the six largest contributions to the project, collectively known as the "Builder Club."
2. The University of Saskatchewan (University) has confirmed that onsite acknowledgement of the City's contribution will include recognition among the six "Builder Club" contributors on a permanent donor wall located on the second floor of the facility. The City will also be acknowledged within the Builder Club dynamic sculpture in the lobby area, and a plaque will be installed within the community arena, acknowledging the City's contribution.

Strategic Goal

Under the Strategic Goal of Quality of Life, this report relates to the long-term strategies of supporting community building through direct investment and ensuring existing and future leisure centres and other recreational facilities are accessible, physically and financially, and meet community needs.

Background

At its October 30, 2017 meeting, the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services (Committee) considered the report entitled, Home Ice Campaign and University of Saskatchewan – Terms of the Contribution Agreement for Additional Funding, which contained the terms of the amending agreement. The Committee asked for a sponsorship recognition piece, including the donations and tiers of recognition, to be included with the October 30, 2017 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, for the November 20, 2017 City Council meeting.

Report

Donors and Sponsors for Merlis Belsher Place

During the Home Ice Campaign, the Home Ice Campaign Committee was tasked with securing donations and major sponsorships to assist with the overall capital costs of

constructing the facility. The University is supporting this community facility by contributing significant resources, including land, capital, and infrastructure. Citizens of Saskatoon have also contributed financially towards the fundraising goal of \$29 million, with the University covering the balance of the capital costs up to \$43 million. Merlis Belsher, whose name will be on this facility, is a visionary Saskatoon citizen who contributed \$12.25 million to this project. Other major community support has come from the Graham family, donating \$4.0 million, and a combined total of \$2.9 million from the Wright, Rychjohn, Van Norman, and Wyant families. The City's contribution of \$4.0 million was the third largest overall contribution towards this capital project.

Onsite Recognition of the City's \$4.0 Million Contribution

As part of the desire to ensure formal acknowledgement and recognition of all contributors, the University has confirmed that the City will be recognized onsite as noted below:

1. There will be donor wall recognition within the facility, available in perpetuity for viewing by all participants at the facility. Acknowledgement of the City's contribution will include permanent recognition among the six "Builder Club" contributors on a donor wall located on the second floor of the facility, leading into the spectator arena. The donor wall will be made of Tyndall stone – 7m long and 2.5m high. All contributors of more than \$5,000 will appear on the donor wall (approximately 500 donors in total) with Builder Club contributors appearing most prominently.
2. The City will be acknowledged within the Builder Club dynamic ice sculpture, which will be made of acrylic and prominently displayed in the front lobby of Merlis Belsher Place. At 4.5m wide and 2.5m high, the sculpture will include multi-media lighting, sound profiling, and acknowledgement of members of the Builder Club.
3. There will also be a plaque installed within the community arena acknowledging the City's contribution to Merlis Belsher Place.
4. The City will be also be further acknowledged as follows:
 - during under-construction tours of the facility;
 - on the Merlis Belsher Place official website, along with other Builder Club donors;
 - during the opening Huskie hockey game in the fall of 2018; and
 - during the grand opening event of the facility in early 2019.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

The University Administration provided the details included within this report.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no policy, financial, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations.

Public Notice

Public notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Public Notice Policy No. C01-021, is not required.

Report Approval

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