

COMMON COUNCIL REPORT

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Meeting Date	February 07, 2022
Service Area	General Counsel

Her Worship Mayor Donna Noade Reardon and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT: Canada Games Aquatic Center – COVID Relief Funding

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

That the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saint John Aquatic Center Commission in the form as attached to this M&C No. 2022-036 for the provision of COVID Relief Funding to the Commission for the Canada Games Aquatic Center, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the said Memorandum of Understanding and any other document ancillary thereto.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek authority for the City to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saint John Aquatic Center Commission for the provision of COVID Relief Funding for the Canada Games Aquatic Center (“CGAC”), in accordance with Council’s resolution adopted at the January 24, 2022 meeting of Council.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

At its meeting held January 24, 2022, Council resolved as follows:

“RESOLVED that:

1. Common Council endorse option 2 and direct staff to draw \$250,000 from Safe Restart Reserve Funds to provide COVID relief to the Aquatic Centre.
2. The City COVID-19 relief funding be conditional on the Canada Games Aquatic Centre Commission (CGACC) agreeing to be fully cooperative with and fully engaged in the City’s renewed efforts to find a suitable long-term business model that is practical, of value to our community, and affordable.
3. The City COVID-19 relief funding be conditional on the CGAC making a request to all members of the Regional Facilities Commission to contribute their share of the COVID-19 relief funding.
4. The City Manager be required to complete the analysis on all alternative business models, as part of the ongoing review of the City’s agencies, boards and commissions, and bring forth recommendations no later than September 1st, 2022.”

REPORT

At its January 24, 2022 meeting, Council resolved to provide COVID Relief Funding to the Aquatic Center Commission for the operation of the CGAC. To do this, the City must draw from its Safe Restart Reserve Fund.

To ensure that the conditions imposed by Council on the provision of the COVID Relief Funding can be enforced, staff drafted a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Commission which essentially gives effect to Council's January 24, 2022 resolution and will manage the parties' relationship.

The CGAC Commission voted in favour of the attached MOU at its meeting of February 3rd 2022.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Maintaining and revitalizing the CAGC aligns with Council's priorities of Perform, Grow and Belong.

SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

The City will draw from its Safe Restart Reserve Fund to provide the COVID Relief Funding.

INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Working with the CFO and the City Manager, the GCO drafted the attached Memorandum of Understanding and shared it with the Saint John Aquatic Center Commission.

ATTACHMENTS

Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Saint John Aquatic Center Commission.