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To:

The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From:

Dianne Young

Chief Executive Officer

Subject:

Soccer Stadium at Exhibition Place – Update #11

Purpose:

This report provides a status update on the soccer stadium development at Exhibition Place.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Background:

At its special meeting of October 19, 2005, the Board approved of entering into a Letter of Intent with Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Ltd. (MLSEL) and the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) to recommend to City Council the funding and construction of a 20,000-seat soccer stadium at Exhibition Place.

At its meeting of October 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2005, City Council approved of Clause No. 36 of Report No. 9 of the Policy & Finance Committee which basically adopted the report and recommendations of the Board.

At its meeting of December 5, 6 and 7, 2005, City Council approved of Clause No. 64 of Report No. 9 of the Toronto and East York Community Council approving the location of a billboard sign. At the same meeting, Council also considered Clause No. 14 of Report No. 10 of the Policy and Finance Committee concerning the designation as a municipal capital facility.

At its meeting of January 31, February 1, & 2, 2006, City Council approved of Clause No. 8 of Report No. 1 of the Toronto & East York Community Council approving of the terms and conditions of a Heritage Easement Agreement between the Board and the City with respect to preservation of some parts of the Halls of Fame Building.



At its meeting of January 23, 2006, the Policy & Finance Committee received for information Report No. 1 Clause No. 29, from the CFO explaining the financial benefits, if any, of the designation of the stadium as a "municipal capital facility".

Comments:

Since the last update in November 2006, the following actions have been taken by staff:

- The monthly meetings of the Contribution Agreement Steering Committee continue and both the federal and provincial representatives are pleased with the progress of the construction and the administration of the project. Funds from the federal and provincial governments are flowing on a regular basis as per the draws submitted by the City of Toronto.
- The Satok Mural from the former Halls of Fame building has been relocated to the new Stadium lobby entrance and restoration will commence shortly.
- Bi-weekly meetings continue with Exhibition Place staff concerning any issues relating to the major show clients.
- Glazing installation for media level is complete and west will be complete by end of February.
- Stucco on west façade is complete.
- Metal framing for interior and exterior partitions at Media Level is complete.
- Metal panel installation of the Gondola enclosure is 90% complete on west elevation.
- Mechanical and electrical rough-in at Level 1, quadrant 1 and 2 is complete.
- All structures in north-west corner of facility are complete.
- Exterior masonry walls for group sales structures are complete including exterior finishes.
- Erection of pre-engineered steel bleachers complete and seats installed in grandstands and seating tiers at east group sales are 50% complete.
- Preparation for installation of artificial turf is complete and received upgraded turf which is being stored in Better Living Building awaiting actual laydown in March 2007.
- Hard and soft landscaping in NE and SW corners will recommence February 16 followed by soft landscaping, weather permitting.
- Block walls and framing/roofing for suites is complete.
- Installation of tiles floors and millwork lockers in team change rooms is well underway.
- Concession food & beverage equipment installation is underway.

On the operations side, all suites have been sold and almost 12,000 season tickets have been sold.

Conclusions:

This report updates the Board on actions that have been taken since the last update report in January 2007

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