



**Council Member Motion  
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 9, 2020**

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**Date:** January 7, 2020  
**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt  
**Subject:** Site Selection for Pool and Fitness Centre

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**Background**

There have been several years of delay in making progress with the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre replacement project, due to problems including challenges with site selection. Major risks associated with siting a replacement pool in Central Park include disruption of operations of the existing pool and fitness centre, or alternately loss of greenspace, including loss of a mature urban forest canopy and loss of valuable community amenities.

It is therefore recommended that Council establish a clear process for identifying a preferred site for a new pool and fitness centre that avoids both of these risks, while allowing the project to move forward with minimal delay based on the previously developed design.

It is also recommended that Council provide direction to staff to proceed with a Community Meeting through the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) process to gauge public input on the preferred site as soon as it is confirmed, and report back with the results of the Community Meeting and recommendations on next steps to secure project funding.

**Recommendation**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Report back at the January 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting with all existing site selection information for the new swimming pool and fitness centre, including information on the technical feasibility of siting the previously developed design for the new swimming pool and fitness centre at 940 Caledonia Avenue.
2. Convene a Community Meeting through the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) process once the preferred location is confirmed, to gauge public input on the siting of the new pool and fitness centre at that location.
3. Report back to Council with the results of the Community Meeting and recommendations on next steps to secure funding for the project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt