

**Date:** 2023-02-22

**Subject:** **Budget Amendment for Construction of a Joint Use Track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School in Collaboration with Peel District School Board – Ward 9**

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**Report Number:** Community Services-2023-137

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report titled: Budget Amendment for Construction of a Joint Use Track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School in Collaboration with Peel District School Board – Ward 9 to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 22, 2023 be received; and
2. That a budget amendment be approved, and a new capital project be established in the amount of \$300,000 for the proposed construction of the Joint Use Track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School in collaboration with Peel District School Board, be funded from Reserve #134 - Development Charges-Recreation; and
3. That the Commissioner, Community Services, or designate, be authorized to execute any necessary memorandums of understanding, capital, operating, agreement of purchase and sale, shared/joint use agreement(s) and any other agreements necessary with the Peel District School Board, on terms consistent with those outlined in this report, on terms and conditions acceptable to stakeholder staff and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, or designate.

**Overview:**

- The City and PDSB have successfully collaborated on a number of joint use projects. The offset in desired usage times between the school (who uses during weekdays) and City (who uses during evenings, weekends, and summers), make such partnerships an excellent venture for taxpayers, user groups, students and the residents of Brampton.

- The existing track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School is in need of repair. Beyond student use, the track is currently popular in the surrounding community as a location where residents can come to walk and remain active.
- PDSB is ready to initiate the design and construction of the synthetic track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School and is requesting the City's commitment to fund 50% of the project.
- This report seeks Council approval for the joint use project with PDSB as well as approval of a budget request for \$300,000 to fund 50% of the project costs to revitalize the synthetic track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School.

### **Background:**

Leadership staff from the City of Brampton's Recreation Division and Peel District School Board (PDSB) meet on a regular basis to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration and partnership, including school and community centre site planning, joint usage agreements, and sports amenity maintenance and construction.

The City and PDSB have successfully collaborated on a number of joint use projects, including David Suzuki Field, Jean Augustine Field, the Field of Dreams at Judith Nyman Secondary School, and the soon to be constructed turf field and basketball courts at Central Peel Secondary School. The offset in desired usage times between the school (who uses during weekdays) and City (who uses during evenings, weekends, and summers), make partnerships between the City and School Boards an excellent venture for taxpayers, user groups, students and the residents of Brampton.

### **Current Situation:**

The existing track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School is in need of repair. Beyond student use, the track is currently popular in the surrounding community as a location where residents can come to walk and remain active. In addition, the School is directly adjacent to existing joint-use sports amenities between PDSB and the City, as well as the City's future Sandalwood Torbram Adventure Park.

Considering all the aforementioned factors, Recreation and PDSB have both identified the track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School as an ideal location for a joint-use track revitalization. The project will include a synthetic resurfacing of the existing track. Work will begin in Summer 2023 and is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2023.

As with prior joint use projects on PDSB land, PDSB will manage design and construction in consultation with the City's Parks and Recreation staff. Once the project is complete, the City will be invoiced for 50% of project costs and a joint use agreement will be executed to govern the use of the track.

This report seeks Council approval of this joint use project with PDSB as well as a budget amendment of \$300,000 to support the revitalization of a synthetic track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School.

### **Corporate Implications:**

#### Financial Implications:

A new capital project would need to be established in the amount of \$300,000 representing one half of the estimated cost of consultant and project development plans for the proposed revitalization of the synthetic track. Staff recommends funding for this project be funded from Reserve #134 - Development Charges-Recreation, subject to Council approval. This budget request is based on preliminary cost estimates provided by Peel District School Board. Should the final project once tendered and awarded come in higher than anticipated, staff will return to Council as necessary for any required additional funds.

#### Other Implications:

Legal Implications – Legal Services will assist as needed and necessary for the appropriate agreement to protect the City's interests for this project.

### **Term of Council Priorities:**

This report supports the Term of Council Priorities and the 2040 vision.

Through enhancing the City's inventory of recreation and sports facilities to increase access to programs for residents, this report demonstrates that Brampton is a Healthy and Safe City.

Through stewardship of assets and services and a focus on service excellence driven by the City's collaboration with the Peel District School Board to jointly fund development of a much-needed sports amenity for both students and residents of the City, this report demonstrates that Brampton is a Well-Run City.

### **Conclusion:**

The project to resurface the tract at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School will be of benefit to students, sports organizations, and Brampton residents.

The collaborative work of City of Brampton and the Peel District School Board to create this new track provides an efficient use of expertise and resources for the development of this much needed amenity within the City.

The City of Brampton's Parks and Recreation Divisions and the Peel District School Board already engage in a number of successful partnership agreements for the maintenance and usage of sports facilities across the city. This track record of cooperation and collaboration will provide a solid foundation for the future operations of the track at Sandalwood Heights Secondary School as described in this report.

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