

## **COMMUNICATION 136066**

Received from: Ross Rankin, Property and Project Manager  
Addressed to: Committee of the Whole  
Date: June 24, 2025  
Topic: Recreation Concept Plan

### **SUMMARY**

Staff and +VG Architects, The Ventin Group Ltd. have completed a Recreation Facility Concept Plan which establishes a conceptual design and determines budget pricing and any required relocation of amenities which may be impacted.

### **BACKGROUND**

In March 2025, Council directed the Property and Project Manager to proceed with Option 1 – Addition onto Arena Facility with a new Pool. This option was outlined as follows:

“Given the significant and anticipated growth in the community and the projected cost required to maintain the current pool facility over the next 10-years and the fact that the Town’s pool cannot be used for swim meets as it does not meet the standards set by Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada, staff recommends that Council reallocate the \$80,000 for the development of a Recreation Concept Plan and \$25,000 for the Building Code Scope Design for the Pool included in the 2025 Capital Budget and use the funds to develop a Recreation Concept Plan which could consider incorporating the other community facilities noted in the report dated March 11, 2025 or as directed by Council onto the existing Arena Facility located at 75 Neelin Street. This option may necessitate the relocation of existing outdoor recreation facilities to accommodate the additional amenities on the Arena site.”

### **COMMENTS**

Staff issued an RFP to complete the Recreation Concept Plan and provide an option to repurpose the current Aquatic Facility. +VG Architects, The Ventin Group Ltd was the successful proponent and will provide the presentation on the Recreation Concept Plan.

The focus of the Recreation Concept Plan is to build a new Aquatic Centre onto the existing Arena facility. Other amenities that are included in the Recreation Concept Plan include a gymnasium with walking track, an auditorium and an increase in seating for Rink 2. An artificial field with a dome or permanent structure was also investigated.

In conjunction with the Recreation Concept Plan, staff contracted CM3 environmental to complete both Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments. These Environmental Site Assessments will assist with determining the location of any additions to the existing Arena facility.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications will be addressed in the presentation provided by the consultants.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council receive the report from the Property and Project Manager dated June 24, 2025 and presentation from +VG Architects, The Ventin Group on the Recreation Concept Plan as information; and

THAT Council provide staff with next steps with regard to the Recreation Concept Plan.