

Provincial Capital Commission June 18, 2020 Board Meeting Summary

Summary Document:

- On June 18, 2020, the Provincial Capital Commission Board of Directors (PCC) met via conference call. At this time the Board reviewed the PCC's financial year end results, the PCC's Operational Plan for the 2020/21 fiscal year, a 2020/24 internal Strategic Plan document and the 2019/20 Annual Report. The 2019/20 Annual Report and 2020/21 Operational Plan will be posted to Saskatchewan.ca and will be fully accessible to the public.
- The Board was also presented with a declaration of Conflict of Interest Board process, intended to improve accountability and transparency within the PCC Board.
- The Board reviewed the work done to-date in response to the 2018/19 financial and process audit completed by the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan, noting that progress was made on all five of the recommendations in the audit.
 - Also, the Office of the Provincial Auditor presented an update, stating the regular 2019/20 audit is currently underway. The Provincial Auditor has been working with the PCC on a review of the commission's financial and process practices.
 - The Provincial Auditor is also reviewing the improvements done to satisfy the five recommendations of the 2018/19 audit and confirmed that they will release their findings publicly in December of 2020 through the Legislature.
- The Board was presented with a CEO organization update and encouraged to share this events and programming information with the public in their interactions.
- The Board received an update on the PCC's commitment to better promote the organization's strategic pillars of history and stewardship, education programming, community engagement through celebrations and a long-term legacy planner for the capital city.
- The Board received an update on PCC's investment in community-use capital projects:
 - returning park land to prairie eco-envelopes (bee pollinator plots, riparian restoration initiatives, bird sanctuary renewal);
 - active community infrastructure (outdoor exercise equipment, sidewalk accessibility improvements, sidewalk resurfacing);
 - and outdoor educational facilities (interpretive signage, gazebo infrastructure for outdoor classroom programming).

The Board reviewed the PCC's actions as the development standards regulator in the proposed development projects from the following proponents. During their review, the Board referenced stages listed in the Development Checklist (see publications.saskatchewan.ca/api/v1/products/104067/formats/115757/download).

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Currently at step 23 of the 38-stage Development Checklist. No change since the meeting of April 30, 2020.

- Step 23 is an iterative review of the detailed design with the Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC):
 - The AAC continues to review the submitted building design.
 - The Committee will then provide a formal response back to the proponent on the submission of current materials as part of the iterative design review process.
 - Once a design solution has been reached, a recommendation will be provided to the PCC Board.
 - At the completion of step 23, the Board is provided with the AAC's recommendation and review report.
 - The Board will then vote if the detail design of the project is approved for construction.
- The proponent was provided with further clarity that the Board needs to see a report on their communications and engagement plan and outcomes which outlines:
 - What was the proponent's plan for their communications and engagement;
 - What were the findings of their public engagement feedback;
 - What the proponent did as a result of the feedback (i.e. decisions); and
 - Why they made these decisions in the context of the feedback.
- The proponent was notified that these reports reviewed by the PCC Board and the AAC as part of their submission in the detailed design review. The Board will decide if the report satisfies their expectations surrounding engagement and communications.

Conexus Development

Has now moved to step 37 of the 38-stage Development Checklist and is providing the PCC with formal tenancy agreements to be reviewed and assessed for approval.

City of Regina - Wascana Pool

Currently at step 19 on the 38-stage Development Checklist.

- The Wascana Pool Renewal Project has submitted their conceptual design to the PCC to start the Architectural Advisory Committee's review phase.

- The City of Regina as the proponent provided their public consultation results to the PCC and AAC for review as part of the conceptual design submission.
- No final AAC recommendation has been provided to the Board yet on the conceptual design of the Wascana Pool.
- Members of the public have contacted the PCC asking for additional public consultation to be completed and the PCC has informed these groups that the consultation of the design and development project is the responsibility of the Proponent, the City of Regina.
- 69 trees have been marked for removal due to the needs for the new design, with a focus of removal on trees that are at the end of their life cycle and/or are varieties that are abundant throughout the Centre. Design elements have been adjusted to save healthy heritage trees. All trees removed will be replaced at a ratio of 3:1 and in a variety that will work to better serve the health and long-term tree canopy maintenance and pest mitigation strategy of Wascana Centre. This change in tree variety will positively impact the park's tree assets long term and make the park more resilient to disease or pest infestation that could impact the entire City limits.

Regina Garden Association – Floral Conservatory

Currently remains at step 23 of the 38-stage Development Checklist. (No update from April 30, 2020 meeting).

- The Regina Garden Association's Floral Conservatory was included in the Master Plan 2016 as an approved conceptual build form and use of land.

Leibel Field Project – Video Screen

The Regina Minor Football (RMF) league submitted a letter of intent to install a video screen donated to them by the Saskatchewan Roughriders at Leibel Field this summer to prepare for after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

- The Board moved to allow the installation as it does not alter the land-use of the facility and answers the needs of the RMF for fundraising opportunities to better serve the community in the future.

Central Maintenance Depot Replacement Project – Mentioned on Page 79 of the 2016 Master Plan

Since the Wascana Centre Master Plan 2006, the Area 3 (Maintenance/Forestry) employee depot has been under review for replacement. The Ministry of Central Services Property Management, as the land and building asset owner, has submitted a proposal for a \$2.5 million replacement facility to the PCC Board for review. The build form for this depot was outlined in the 2006 Master Plan and also updated in the 2016 Wascana Centre Master Plan public consultation process. A new conceptual design will be brought forward for the replacement building. The building has been in a state of disrepair since 2015 and requires replacement.

- The Board accepted this report as information.

Government House Parking Lot

The PCC Board is responsible for the land-management of Wascana Centre and Government House. The Master Plan 2016 is responsible for the Wascana Centre jurisdiction only.

The PCC is managing the land at Government House based on the 2016 Government House and Edwardian Gardens Master Plan that was created by a contracting firm in partnership with the Government House Foundation. In 2021, as part of the regular 7-year renewal of the Wascana Centre Master Plan, the PCC will commence public consultation that will guide the creation of a master plan that includes both Government House and Wascana Centre to advise on the long-term legacy planning responsibilities of sites under its stewardship.

- The 2016 Government House and Edwardian Gardens Master Plan identified a concern with the current parking lots non-accessible and unsafe design. School buses and Paratransit are unable to turn around in the current design and are being forced to back out onto Dewdney Avenue in a high traffic area. A design for an expanded lot that would serve 113 cars, buses as well as turnaround loops and other changes to improve accessibility was created.
- This parking lot upgrade will commence this summer in two phases to expand the lot onto an unused grass plot east of Government House and north of Pioneer Village. With this design, after the first phase is completed, the Pioneer Village residents and visitors will be able to access their back facility without restriction through this extended parking area.
- All trees requiring removal for this design will be replaced by the PCC Forestry team at a ratio of 3:1 throughout Wascana Centre and Government House to improve the diversity of tree canopy in the Capital City.
- The PCC oversees the land-management of Government House but the land-owner and proponent and funding party of this work is the Ministry of Central Services.
- This project is not subjected to the Wascana Centre Master Plan 2016 as it is site specific and follows the 2016 Government House and Edwardian Gardens Master Plan, created by the Government House Foundation Board in consultation with neighborhood stakeholders, found online at <http://govhousefoundation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/AR-2018-19-FINAL.pdf>.

Respectfully submitted,

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