



TOWN OF WINDSOR

FACT SHEET

SUBJECT: HOCKEY ARENA / HOCKEY HERITAGE PROJECT

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QUESTION: A question was raised at the Feb. 27, 2018 Town Council on whether the project deadline could be extended given that the program deadline is March 31, 2019:

ANSWER: This matter was followed up on and the following clarification was provided by the person who administers the Small Communities Program on behalf of the provincial and federal governments:

She observes that while we heard at the Special Meeting of Joint Council from federal and provincial reps that a project had to be submitted by 31 March 2018 that was probably said so that such applications are submitted well in advance so as to allow it to be properly vetted and processed through the appropriate federal and provincial departments. In reality, the Town's application must be submitted for an approval by March 31, 2019. That being said, our application should be submitted as soon as completed to ensure enough time for review and making its way through the federal/provincial approval process, and that includes submission of (1) a revised business case (2) proposed location with Class D estimates and (3) appropriate funding dollars to match what the provincial and federal governments will cost share on. We also know that the federal government will only cost share up to 1/3 of the total project cost and it cannot include gas tax money. Thus far, with the province only putting \$3 Million into the project and the Town only having \$2 Million (1 from West Hants and 1 from Windsor), we have to raise the other \$1 Million in order to get the feds to match its share. We are thus still talking about a \$9 Million dollar project, unless there is another million over and above what we can realistically raise and seek cost-sharing on.

For now, the project is being redesigned for a \$9 Million dollar project and we are still looking at submitting it by 31 March 2018 provided we can raise the funds needed, at which time our application could be delayed until all the fundraising is in. Unfortunately, that just means that approvals by the feds also get delayed and design and construction time lines get moved further out. It is conceivable that once the application is received approvals are given quickly (a few weeks, months) and we can start putting the project out to design and tender if and when it is given the green light.

In short, the Small Communities Program deadline defers from the time line by which we have to get our projects in so that the project has the proper scrutiny going forward and early approvals for a project start if we meet the requirements.

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