

**Notes and thoughts from community meeting February 1, 2011 – City Councillor Paula Fletcher, community rink users, Friends of Greenwood Park, city staff present. Consultant from Aecom presented their proposal.**

Aecom's proposal:

- To move the hockey rink pad further to the south and east without encroaching into soccer territory
- The skating trail will be located between the hockey pad and the existing rink/pool house.
- There will be a newly designed kids - play area north of the field house and connected to the proposed skating trail.
- The ice compressors will be moved into or connected to the existing rink house.
- The zamboni – house or route was not clear. It seems to still be located between the new children's play area the existing rink/pool house.
- A covered hockey ice pad was displayed – it is an initial design. Aecom envisions the structure to elicit the spirit of wood as opposed to steel or concrete. Also lighting and translucent panels are proposed to make it more light and airy underneath. Some places have been considered for people to sit but that was not clearly illustrated.
- The covering structure has its own budget, approximately \$500,000. That money is linked directly linked to “roof” option over the hockey pad.
- All chain-link fence will be removed and other more up-to-date fencing and divider strategies will be built instead. See Christie Pits pool fence as an example.
- There are some very preliminary plans for the interior alteration of the existing club house/change rooms and pool adjacencies. However this requires some clearer direction from the community.
- The City would like to complete the proposed upgrades in approximately two years.
- No improvements to the existing field house have been proposed. The field house is due to be considered in the 2012 Capital budget which coincides with the completion of the first round of pool, ice rink and play area completion.

The community's perception seemed to be:

- That the sight lines and places to view rink activities such as seating stands and places to stand don't seem to have been considered as well as they could have been.
- The Zamboni's route through and to the hockey pad as well as the pleasure pad and snow dump areas doesn't seem to be coherent at this point. Further understanding of its functions and integration is required.
- The roof appears to be large, not well positioned and needs a lot more consideration. As it stands it will not fly. Some suggested that its \$500,000 should be re-assigned to other parts of the project if the roof cannot be well designed, integrated and well executed for clear purposes.
- The renovation of the existing rink/pool house should (read must) consider a community room for meetings, spaces for informal and formal meetings, small

performance, community display etc. A multi-purpose room or rooms would be of benefit.

- If the space can open up – open out onto the outdoor pool and rink spaces that would be beneficial as well.
- The children’s play area must be better illustrated and considered – community input a must.
- The integration and consideration of the existing field house should be considered now as opposed to 2012. Year round functions can also be served by a refurbished field house. A café was proposed by several members of the audience to illustrate the prospect of a public private initiative to allow private café/food operations. They suggested that would bring and support a greater number of activities for the community as well as bring revenue to the City.