



**Department: Mayor's Office  
Health & Wellness Community  
Centre Committee**

**Report Number: 2009-03**

**Date: August 4, 2009**

**SUBJECT: Health & Wellness Community Centre  
EOI – Facility Programming**

**1) PURPOSE:**

This report is to provide Council with a recommendation from the Health & Wellness Community Centre Committee to proceed with an EOI (Expression of Interest) for facility programming. Due to the timing of the (Design/Bid/Build) RFP, it was requested that Council consider this matter as soon as possible to avoid any future delays.

**2) HISTORY, BACKGROUND, COUNCIL POLICY, PRACTICES**

The City of Port Colborne is about to proceed to detailed design for the construction of a Health & Wellness Community Centre. The committee now feels it is time to begin planning for the operation (operational costs/revenues), in particular, the programming of the Centre, including the possibility of sourcing new revenues.

As part of Council's overall desire to enhance programming throughout the community, the committee feels there exists a unique opportunity to consider proposals from firms and/or organizations to coordinate, integrate and facilitate programming within the new Centre, the Sports Complex and possibly throughout the overall community.

The committee feels that this will contribute additional opportunities for Health & Wellness activities throughout the community, while contributing additional resources to existing organizations.

The committee feels that by leveraging our facility(s) the City of Port Colborne will maximize their uses, expand activity interest and involvement, elevate skills and overall caliber and evolve to be more of a regional facility versus simply a municipal facility – this due to the unique programming offered at the Centre that is not available elsewhere in the region.

This is a new venture for Council consideration. It does not have any current policies or past practices. There are no financial obligations or commitments with the approval of this report.

### **3) STAFF COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

None

### **4) OPTIONS AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

#### **a) Do nothing.**

The investment the city is making to construct this facility is substantial. The committee feels it is imperative to maximize the value of the Centre to ensure that our citizens (taxpayers) receive a full return for the city's investment.

If we do nothing the city may lose an opportunity to enhance the overall level of programming that can be made available to our residents and lose an opportunity to contribute additional resources to existing organizations.

By offering additional programming, the city has an opportunity to enhance revenues.

By enhancing revenues, there exists an opportunity to lower the city's annual net cost(s) and expand additional programs.

#### **b) Other Options**

- Status quo – no formal programming.

### **5) COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES**

As stated earlier in this report – Health & Wellness and Programming continues to be a strategic priority of City Council.

Due to the limited interest the Niagara Health System has in providing community healthcare services within the City of Port Colborne, the city is initiating a community based healthcare system. A contributor to community based healthcare is making available proactive health and wellness programs, including health promotion and education. This recommendation aligns itself with Council's strategic priority.

### **6) ATTACHMENTS**

None

**7) RECOMMENDATION**

***That the Council of the City of Port Colborne adopt the recommendation of the Health & Wellness Community Centre Committee, directing staff to prepare an EOI (Expression of Interest) for Community programming for the Health & Wellness Community Centre.***

**8) SIGNATURES**

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