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**TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

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**RE: CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE**  
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The purpose of this memorandum is to update Council on the Centennial Park project including the status of the park construction and the basketball court / ice rink construction. This also updates Council on the timing of the ice rink operation as presented to Council in the Outdoor Artificial Rink Openings Memorandum dated November 6, 2017.

#### **Status of Completion**

The original contract has essentially reached substantial performance at the end of November 2017, which corresponds to the timing in the original construction contract. The north section of the project was complete and opened to the public just prior to Kempenfest weekend in early August 2017. The work on Dymont's Creek pond between Lakeshore Drive and Bradford Street is substantially complete and has some relatively minor clean-up work scheduled for spring 2018.

The civil works of the original contract in the south section of Centennial Park are complete including the new pedestrian bridge over Dymont's Creek channel, pathways, shoreline restoration and divers' stepped platform, large parking lot south of the playground, irrigation, drinking fountains, and landscaping. In addition, the concrete pads for the basketball court / ice rink are in place as well as the underground electrical cables around the perimeter of the concrete pads. The overall electrical work for the original contract and the basketball court / ice rink remains as the one outstanding item restricting the City from opening up the south section of the park and formally issuing substantial completion.

The electrical feed for the parking lot and trail lighting is the same feed as the one associated with the rink. Without the lighting for the parking lot and pathways in place, staff have not opened up the south section of Centennial Park due to safety concerns. While this electrical work is being completed, the general contractor is coordinating with City staff to allow access for delivery and installation of the glycol pumps and chiller equipment and installation of the boards around the perimeter of the rink. City staff will also be able to complete the appropriate electrical connections to the electrical panel next to the rink and test the ice rink components.

Staff anticipate that the outstanding electrical work will be completed by December 8, 2017. Alectra can then come on site to complete the final electrical connection to their transformer and energize the system to allow the opening of the south section of the park. The remaining work is progressing well toward having the rink in operation during the week of December 18th and for the holiday season, pending appropriate weather conditions (e.g. 2<sup>o</sup> C or less daytime temperatures).

In order to recognize the generous private donations as well as the Ontario 150 Grant related to the Basketball Court and Ice Rink construction, City staff are also coordinating an official opening early in 2018. Formal invitations will be distributed in advance of the opening.

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