

Meeting Date: January 15, 2024
Department: Community Services
Report No.: CS-2024-02
Submitted by: Robert Lilbourne, Director of Community Services
Approved by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: **Expression of Interest for a Public, Private Partnership for the Development, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of an Ice Arena and Community Centre**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive report CS-2024-02 for information and further;

THAT: Council directs staff to publish the Expression of Interest through the Bids and Tenders page on the Municipal website.

BACKGROUND:

At the last Mt. Brydges Arena Committee meeting in December, the committee made the recommendation to direct staff to create an Expression of Interest (EOI) to explore the potential for a public, private partnership (PPP) in the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of a new ice arena and community centre.

COMMENTS:

The EOI has been developed by our team, and we are now seeking direction from the Council regarding its publication on the Municipality's Bids and Tenders page on the website. Please find the EOI attached.

The EOI is structured in a way that does not bind the municipality to a Public-Private Partnership (PPP). Instead, it invites private facility operators and developers to submit their expressions of interest (EOI), detailing their qualifications, relevant experience, and proposed approach to a potential partnership.

If the Council approves any or all of the submissions following the EOI, the subsequent steps may involve directing staff to create and release a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP would aim to attract private developers, constructors, and operators to submit a formal proposal. Council could then decide to enter into a PPP if satisfactory proposals are received.

Conversely, if the Council is not content with any of the EOI submissions, they would need to determine whether to proceed with the project as a fully publicly funded project.

CONSULTATION:

Bill Dakin, Director of Finance
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Mt. Brydges Arena Committee

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None at this time

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Local Infrastructure: Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc are supported by reliable, financially responsible and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

Community Wellbeing: Residents of all ages in Strathroy-Caradoc will have access to community amenities and activities that are accessible and support active lifestyles and well-being.

ATTACHMENTS:

Expression of Interest