



Alex Moore Park Sport Hub

To the City Strategy Committee

We welcome the WCC initiative as contained in the report and are willing to continue to work in a positive and proactive way.

Trust levels have been stretched with some officers and we also welcome facilitation.

There is a way forward and we need to carry on the journey. It's not a matter of starting from scratch and the needs analysis, design and right-sizing has already occurred with full Council input.

Items of note

Spend - the Alex Moore Park Board has spent over \$600,000 on this project to date. Around half from WCC. \$100k could have been saved if we had identified or known of the contaminated land issue earlier. Such is the nature of big projects where resource consent and reports are required. WCC Officers insisted no dump was recorded at the site or had ever existed.

The WCC Lumin report - suggested the level of need would require a larger facility greater than has ever been proposed.

Growth - Johnsonville and the Northern Suburbs are intensifying especially at youth levels and community needs continue to grow.

Facility must be on the park – danger for children getting to the park was the start of this project and nothing has changed. We have spoken to schools in the area repeatedly. They do not want a 24-hour community-focused facility on school grounds.

Sportsville – the definition that we entered into was all sports and the community being equal within the finished project. Community and sports groups are also seeking to be part of this project and such interest will grow with the reality of a build. Over 50 groups are mentioned in the Lumin Report. We have a slightly different but inclusive model and this building will connect with many more than the early partners.

Knowledge, relationships and design – ten years has taught us many things that remain applicable. We already know the needs of our partners and this community. We wish to share and ensure that knowledge is used.

Current problem

1. WCC land is defective and has cost the project

Next steps

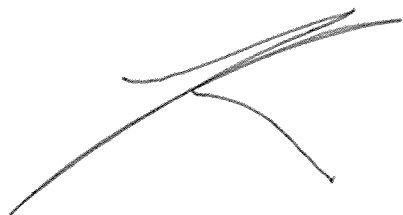
1. Establish if it is still viable to build on the park – underground geodetic tests. If able, then continue. There is \$25k cost for that item to be addressed. We have offered to contribute community funds to such testing.
2. Lockdown LTP WCC Council funding – we support the option B, but suggest we should allow for expansion in the future (B2 with stage 2, not in this cycle of the LTP).
3. Community funding – the Board has the following secured contribution of \$1,800,000:
 - i. Northern Football - \$500k (sale of clubrooms – 50% share)
 - ii. Lotteries - \$500k (not at risk if the project proceeds)
 - iii. Gaming trusts - \$600k (two trusts have given a strong commitment to the build)
 - iv. New community groups - \$200k
4. Develop a building concept plan so partners can make decisions - a two-step proposal is currently favoured by the board
5. Agree a working model or terms of reference for how to proceed as partners

Councils next steps

1. The first step is to test - establish if it is viable to build on the park.
2. The council is proposing that WCC staff take this project through to detailed design and beyond. The AMPB had nearly completed to that stage and I suggest we can help?
3. We consider that WCC and the community are more likely to get what they want at an affordable price if we all have clear and articulated input into the process.
4. AMPB consider that the council should specifically lead:
 1. Tender and contract documentation prepared by Wellington City Council
 2. Tender process managed by Wellington City Council
 3. Construction of new building managed by Wellington City Council

I thank WCC Councillors for your continued support and consideration for the next step in the development of this community facility.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping lines that form a stylized representation of the name 'Hadyn Smith'.

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