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To: LRP

From: Stephen Webster

Re: Interim Update on Long Range Planning Study Committee on Ice Rink Siting and Adopt Ice Partnership

Referencing: Previous Reports 4/13 & 4/20 provided to LRP

After reviewing study findings and in acknowledgement of increasing demand for skating rink availability through the Adopt Ice Partnership programs, it was decided that for the 2017/18 skating season to try on a pilot basis the Nice rink. Nice rinks have been successfully used in other cities and provide flexibility to relocate rinks when /if demand wanes in a particular location. The Nice rink will be piloted at Heritage Heights. This location was chosen by Operations for several reasons, primary of which is availability of water.

Operations intends to analyze use of the portable rink during this season. LRP will be part of the monitoring design and monitoring implementation. The monitoring design is not yet fully developed but will be by the end of the year and will include, e.g., water demands, rink costs, suitability to users, portability, suitability to volunteer maintenance, and effects on staff/volunteer roles. Parks staff further re-instituted the volunteer recognition event and are working with existing Adopt Ice Partnerships on individual requests as observed in Report One (4/13).