

In accordance with the notice and submission deadline requirements of Sections 11.1 of the City of Thorold's Procedural By-law, the City Clerk received from Councillor Handley a motion to be brought forward for consideration at the October 3, 2023 Council meeting respecting a Legal Opinion concerning the Canada Summer Games Lease Agreement.

WHEREAS there have been questions asked, which remain unanswered, concerning the Walker Sports and Abilities Centre general operations and financials, questions which have been raised both by members of the City Council and the concerned residents of Thorold;

WHEREAS transparency and accountability in the financial operations of the Consortium overseeing the Walker Sports and Abilities Centre are essential to maintain public trust and confidence in its management;

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon the City of Thorold to ensure that all financial transactions and agreements related to the Walker Sports and Abilities Centre are conducted in accordance with the highest legal and ethical standards;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of Thorold hereby:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to obtain a legal opinion concerning the Canada Summer Games Lease Agreement between the City of Thorold and the Consortium overseeing the Walker Sports and Abilities Centre, to ensure that the terms of the agreement are being upheld and that the city's interests are being adequately protected;
2. That the external legal Counsel **BE DIRECTED** to provide advice on acquiring all pertinent financial records related to the operations and financial transactions of the Walker Sports and Abilities Centre from the Consortium, including but not limited to, financial statements, budgets, audits, and any other relevant financial documents, for Council's review and consideration; and
3. That the external Legal Counsel **BE DIRECTED** to provide legal assistance in facilitating communication and obtaining comprehensive responses to the yet unanswered questions raised by members of the City Council regarding the general operations and financial affairs of the Walker Sports and Abilities Centre, with the aim of addressing the concerns and inquiries expressed by the residents of Thorold.