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THE HARBOUR CITY

# Staff Report for Decision

DATE OF MEETING June 12, 2023

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**SUBJECT** **NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION ENGAGEMENT EVENT SUMMARY AND PRIORITY ACTION SELECTION**

## OVERVIEW

### Purpose of Report

To provide a summary of the neighbourhood association priority actions identified at the Neighbourhood Association Engagement Event held on 2023-APR-26, and seek direction with respect to considering these actions to be added as an attachment to the draft Integrated Action Plan (IAP).

### Recommendation

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council endorse the priority actions identified by the neighbourhood associations to be added as an attachment to the draft Integrated Action Plan as outlined in Attachment A of the 2023-JUN-12 Staff report titled "Neighbourhood Association Engagement Event Summary and Priority Action Selection".

## BACKGROUND

City Plan encourages engagement with neighbourhood associations, and specifically Council hosting an annual engagement opportunity to hear the collective priorities of neighbourhoods. Adopted by Council on 2022-APR-25, the City's Neighbourhood Associations Supports Policy also notes that Council will host an annual engagement opportunity with recognized neighbourhood associations.

At its regular meeting held on 2023-APR-03, Council directed Staff to proceed with organizing an engagement event for 2023-APR-26, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Beban Park Social Centre. The event was coordinated by Staff and all 14 recognized neighbourhood associations sent representatives to attend and provide priority action input on behalf of their respective associations.

## DISCUSSION

Based on the discussion which occurred at the event, each neighbourhood association identified up to three top priorities as well as associated key actions for addressing these priorities. For Council's reference, these priority actions have been summarized in *Attachment A: 2023 Neighbourhood Association Priority Actions*. For many of the proposed Neighbourhood Association actions, there is already a related action in the library of the Integrated Action Plan, which is shown in column two of the table in Attachment A. It is recommended that the proposed Neighbourhood Association actions in Attachment A be added as an attachment to the draft Integrated Action Plan. Staff will work to review and address the actions identified by the neighbourhood associations within four years, to consider inclusion into the City's capital plans,

budgets and department workplans. Council may also wish to consider elevating specific Neighbourhood Association actions into the Priority Action list.

A summary of the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) feedback from all of the spring GPC – IAP sessions will be presented as a revised Integrated Action Plan (with an updated Priority Actions list) at a June 2023 GPC meeting.

**IAP Review Schedule**

The following schedule is proposed for the review of the draft IAP and Priority Actions.

| GPC Date | Proposed Topic Area – Draft Priority Actions |
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| 2023-MAY-29 | Continuation of City Structure - Neighbourhood Section. To consider Neighbourhood Association Priorities identified at the 2023-APR-26 meeting with Neighbourhood Associations. |
| TBD June 2023 GPC | Revised '*Integrated Action Plan*' which will include the 'Priority Actions' presented to GPC for consideration of endorsement. |

## OPTIONS

1. That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council endorse the priority actions identified by the neighbourhood associations to be added as an attachment to the draft Integrated Action Plan as outlined in Attachment A of the 2023-MAY-29 Staff report titled "Neighbourhood Association Engagement Event Summary and Priority Action Selection".

    - The advantages of this option: Priority actions identified by neighbourhood associations will be added as an attachment to the Integrated Action Plan. Staff will work to review and address the actions identified by the neighbourhood associations within four years, to consider inclusion into the City's capital plans, budgets and department workplans.
    - The disadvantages of this option: Staff review will be required to review and address the actions.
    - Financial Implications: There is a range of financial implications associated with the proposed actions, with some being addressed through existing operational and program budgets, and others requiring capital investment.

2. That the Governance and Priorities Committee provide alternate direction.

**SUMMARY POINTS**

- City Plan encourages engagement with neighbourhood associations, and specifically Council hosting an annual engagement opportunity to hear the collective priorities of neighbourhoods.
- At its regular meeting held on 2023-APR-03, Council directed Staff to proceed with organizing an engagement event for 2023-APR-26 and all 14 recognized neighbourhoods sent representatives to attend.
- Based on the discussion which occurred at the event, each neighbourhood association was able to identify up to three top priority actions for inclusion into the City's draft Integrated Action Plan.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT A: 2023 Neighbourhood Association Priority Actions
ATTACHMENT B: Links to Draft IAP and Draft Priority Actions List

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