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CCA 40-38  
Tabled by Chair (Young)  
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Re: Wascana Centre Authority's Comprehensive Review – the Next 50 Years and Beyond

In June 2014, Wascana Centre Authority's Board of Directors provided your officials with a confidential draft of the report titled "The Heart of Saskatchewan Wascana Centre, Building the Future – the Next 50 Years and Beyond". I have attached the draft report for information and consideration by the Province. The draft report was received by the Authority's Board, however not approved, pending receipt of the Government of Saskatchewan's perspective.

Since completion of the Review, Wascana Centre Authority (WCA) and the participating parties: the Province of Saskatchewan, the City of Regina and the University of Regina, have been working diligently and collaboratively to resolve governance, communication and coordination issues identified during the Review and to address key aspects of the Centre's infrastructure. We are pleased to report that the three parties and the Authority have collaborated to invest over \$10 million in infrastructure upgrades within the Centre and although a \$70 million deficit still remains, it indicates significant progress has been made that has mitigated many public safety issues.

Significant progress has also been made on governance aspects related to conflict of interest, understanding of stewardship and oversight and the degree of commercialization allowed within the Centre. The modernization of the WCA bylaws has resolved key issues and proven to be an effective and efficient mechanism to address emerging concerns.

Given the amount of time since the Review draft report was completed, and with consideration to the accomplishments and collaborative progress made on many fronts, WCA's Board of Directors revisited the Confidential Draft Report earlier in May. The current consensus is that the four principles articulated in the report remain valid:

- Landowners must be accountable for the operation and maintenance of their land.
- Wascana Centre's vision must encapsulate what the Province, City and University strive to achieve together.
- There is a need to be open and transparent to the public.
- A precinct approach (i.e. nature, recreation, sports etc.) can help inform uses for different sections of the land area within Wascana Centre.

The descriptions of success for the future of Wascana Centre include:

- that it is a beautiful place,
- reflects a thriving watershed,
- provides a diversity of activities, and,
- is accessible to everyone.



The above points remain fully endorsed, as is the mandate articulated in *The Wascana Centre Act*.

Wascana Centre Authority's Board of Directors presents the recommendations from the draft report as an option to be considered. However in light of the progress made in the intervening years as noted above, the Board would also support other alternatives such as continuing with the existing unique partnership model that was formalized in 1962. The Board is now seeking the Provincial Government's reaction to the draft report and the proposed recommendations. Once government's position is known, the Board will need to discuss and consider how, or if, that response impacts the final recommendations and release of the report.

We look forward to open and collaborative discussions as we strive to maintain and enhance Wascana Centre as the heart of the Capital City.

Sincerely,



Michael Fougere  
Chair  
Wascana Centre Board of Directors

cc Wascana Centre Board of Directors and Observers