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AGENDA ITEM: 9 (d)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Capital Project Report – Varsity Entrance Building

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Pursuant to Section 5.2. (b) of its Terms of Reference, the Business Board approves expenditures for, and the execution of, approved Capital Projects.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

This is the first time this project is being presented to the Business Board. Other Board and Committee approval to date include:

- Planning and Budget Committee May 22, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS:

In June 2005, the Governing Council approved a project planning report recommending an implementation plan for a multi-phased approach for the Varsity Centre for Physical Activity and Health. The plan for the Varsity Centre has evolved into four components

- Varsity Stadium (already approved and substantially complete)
- The Centre for High Performance Sport ¹
- Varsity Arena renovations and
- The Varsity Entrance Building.

The Varsity Entrance Building will be the entry and control point to Varsity Stadium, Varsity Arena, and the Dome. It will serve as the base for operations of these facilities. It will also provide an entrance for users and spectators using Philosopher’s Walk from the South laneway. The new building will contain areas and equipment to control entry via card

¹ The Centre for High Performance Sport, Varsity Arena renovations, and Varsity Entrance Building are described in the *Interim Project Planning Report for Varsity 2007* that will be considered for approval in principle by the Governing Council at its meeting on June 25, 2007. Included in the *Interim Project Planning Report* is a recommendation for the assignment of the south end of Site 12 (100 Devonshire Place) to Varsity 2007 for the Centre for High Performance Sport.

HIGHLIGHTS: (cont'd)

swiping, the issue of keys, video surveillance, control of scoreboard and electronic information devices such as video display terminals. The main floor will accommodate a Customer Service area to sell tickets during events and a Therapy and Emergency Care Room. Football and multi-use changerooms are also planned for the Varsity Entrance Building. The second floor will be used to accommodate two areas to function as a multi-use office space and a Community Programme Office/Student and Events Area in total an area of 406 nasm. An associated signature piece: the Beacon/Box Office to be located on Bloor Street is being submitted to the Accommodation and Facilities Directorate for parallel approval for an approximate cost of \$500,000.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The Total Project Cost for the Varsity Entrance Building is estimated to be \$9.5 million dollars. The Varsity Entrance Building is subject to funding. It is anticipated that the new building will be ready in the Fall of 2008.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be it resolved

Subject to Governing Council approval of the project,

THAT the Vice-President, Business Affairs be authorized to execute the Varsity Entrance Building at a total project cost not to exceed \$ 9.5 million dollars, as funding is obtained from donations.