



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 24-015**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services
Resource Staff: Same
Date of Meeting: December 5, 2023
Subject: Portsmouth Olympic Harbour and Centre 70 Visioning and Memorial Centre Design Exercise - Update

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: 3. Build an Active and Connected Community

Goal: 3.1 Expand parks and recreation opportunities and participation.

Executive Summary:

As part of Council Strategic Priority 3.1.2, staff have been asked to evaluate opportunities for the innovative adaptation and reuse of aging buildings: Centre 70, Portsmouth Olympic Harbour (POH) and the Memorial Centre.

Within this priority, work was positioned to advance in two ways. First, as a combined study of Centre 70 and POH that would consider broad community needs and opportunities, including live-work spaces for artists. Second, as a design for the Memorial Centre redevelopment. Through this report staff are requesting direction from Council to regroup the work to advance this priority – this regrouping would combine the visioning of POH and Centre 70 with the design development for the Memorial Centre site. This alignment allows for a wholistic consideration of these sites and a strategic approach to how the City can invest in its aging infrastructure to best community use.

This work would commence in 2024 with a targeted completion by year end 2025. Funding to support this work is being included in the development of the 2024 budget and through funds previously approved by Council for the development and study of these sites.

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Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to advance the work in Council Strategic Priority 3.1.2 as a combined visioning of Centre 70 and Portsmouth Olympic Harbour alongside of the development of a design for the redevelopment of the Memorial Centre; and

That Council direct staff to advance the work in Council Strategic Priority 3.1.2 and undertake this work in line with the expanded visioning considerations described in Report Number 24-015.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

**Jennifer Campbell,
Commissioner, Community
Services**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Growth & Development Services	Not required
Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Not required
David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Peter Huigenbos, Commissioner, Major Projects & Strategic Initiatives	Not required
Brad Joyce, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Transportation & Emergency Services	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required

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Options/Discussion:

As part of Council Strategic Priority 3.1.2, staff have been asked to evaluate opportunities for the innovative adaptation and reuse of aging buildings: Centre 70, POH and the Memorial Centre.

Work within this priority was originally positioned to advance in two ways. First, as a combined study of Centre 70 and POH that would consider broad community needs and opportunities, including live-work spaces for artists. Second, as a design for the Memorial Centre redevelopment. Staff have recognized that the visioning exercise of Centre 70 and POH is likely to bring forward considerations for the design of the Memorial Centre site and likewise the Memorial Centre design could both constrain or create opportunities for adaptive and innovative community uses at both Centre 70 and POH. Additionally, combining this work removes redundancy – both financially with the cost for consulting fees as well as within the community engagement exercises. It also allows for a wholistic consideration how the City can invest in its aging infrastructure to best community use.

With the support of Council, staff would include within the visioning exercise consideration of: community needs; artist live-work spaces; community partnership operation models; facility condition considerations; opportunities to incorporate and activate the lands adjacent to the Kingston Penitentiary site; and new models for the POH marina operations and specific consideration of how and where best to invest in ice at these sites in consideration of the existing infrastructure and Council’s recent endorsement of the Kingston Sports Infrastructure Inventory and Assessment commissioned by Tourism Kingston and Kingston Accommodation Partners ([Report Number 23-251](#)).

This work would commence in 2024 with a targeted completion by year end 2025.

Existing Policy/By-Law:

None

Notice Provisions:

None

Accessibility Considerations:

None

Financial Considerations:

Funding to support this work is being included in the development of the 2024 budget and through funds previously approved by Council for the development and study of these sites.

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Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

None

Exhibits Attached:

None