



PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: A. BOURRIE, RPP, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NOTED: A. BOURRIE, ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN YMCA AND HIP DEVELOPMENTS

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2018

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise members of Council that the YMCA has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HIP Developments to secure space on the lands primarily owned by HIP in the area of the former Barrie Central Collegiate Institute/Prince of Wales properties in downtown Barrie. This allows them to move forward with plans to build a new YMCA facility in the downtown. The development of the new YMCA facility will be phased and the existing building on Grove Street will remain in operation for up to four years – enabling the organization to plan for relocation without business interruption.

Now that the YMCA has confirmed its plans, City Staff will continue exploring the concept of a community/cultural hub at this location and analyzing options for co-development with another partner as well as exploring standalone options.

Immediate next steps include:

- Review plans for Fisher and the Event Centre to determine if any reconfiguration is warranted now that more space is available on the property; and
- Explore options of other uses for a portion of the property and/or development partners.

Staff expect this work to be done over the next few months with a report to Council in Q1 2019.