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REPORT FROM CITY HALL
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LAMBETH SPRAY PAD

The Lambeth Spray Pad has now officially opened in Centennial Park, by the Lambeth Arena. The total cost of the project was \$196,000 of which \$26,000 dollars was raised by the Lambeth Community. Congratulations are in order to Sharon Scarfone who spearheaded the fundraising campaign. This water play area will be enjoyed by area residents on hot days for many years to come.

LAMBETH ARENA

The Lambeth arena was scheduled for repairs and substantial renovation with the addition of an additional ice pad under consideration with scheduled completion in 2004. However, all City Recreational projects for the upcoming years have been put on hold pending the City of London Recreation Master Plan review, presently being undertaken by Jean Monteith and Associates Consulting. The City recognizes that the Lambeth arena roof will need repairs and will have to be replaced in the next five years. Issues that have to be considered include what to do with the existing soccer field at the park and whether or not twining the ice pad is feasible. Given the shortage of available ice time in the west end of the City your Ward 7 councillors are urging that a high priority be placed on getting ice pads built to service the strong demand for ice time in Lambeth, Bryon, and Westmount. Once the Recreation Master Plan Review is completed, it will be submitted to City Council for its consideration.

EARLE NICHOLS ARENA

This arena is presently closed and is undergoing a major upgrade with the addition of community rooms. The first stage of the project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2002 which will allow the reopening of the two ice pads at this facility. The addition of a third ice pad will then commence with the new rink being opened in the spring of 2003.

SOUTHSIDE POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT UPDATE

A Class EA study was undertaken to determine the potential site and outfall for the proposed Southside Pollution Control Plant. The Study was completed in December of 1999 and duly tabled for public review. The review period attracted seven “bump up” requests, filed with the Minister of the Environment (and Energy), requesting that a full Environmental Assessment be undertaken. The Minister considered the requests and advised the City in January of 2002 that a full Environmental Assessment study would not be necessary. Upon receipt of the Minister’s clearance, the City concluded the purchase of the properties required for the site. In addition, an agreement has been negotiated with the Township of Middlesex Centre for the proposed plant’s effluent outlet pipe along Westminster Drive, from the proposed plant site to the Thames River. The City is presently engaged in preparing technical reports for the Plant design, for submission to the various approving agencies that must approve or issue permits for the project. Public meetings will be included at appropriate stages during this phase. Once approvals and permits are obtained, detailed design can commence. A firm construction year has not yet been determined, but the latest assessment suggests that the capacity of the new plant might be needed by the year 2010. This need forecast will be reviewed and updated from time to time

As Councillor for Ward 7 and a resident of Lambeth I will work hard to ensure that the City of London’s guarantees and protection (including covers for the primary tanks) for the area residents will be honoured and the plant, which is to be located approximately two and half kilometers away from the south-west corner of Lambeth, will have no adverse impact on the built up residential area of Lambeth. It is far better to determine the location of the plant now than have one built in the area later after much development has occurred and south-west London starts to develop.

I would like to hear from you about any of these issues and any other City related concern. I can be reached at my City Hall office at 661-1558 or at home at 652-0973. My email address is ecorriga@city.london.on.ca.