

February 2023 Update to Wheels Roller Rink Residents Committee

Roller Skating Rink Management and Operation

As stated in [the December 2022 Update to the Wheels Roller Rink Residents Committee](#), the best option to open the Wheels skating rink as soon as possible will be to contract with an outside group (not City staff) to manage the day to day operations of the Roller Skating Rink.

Selection Process:

A formal [Request for Proposals \(RFP\) for the operation](#) of the Roller Skating Rink has been posted and will close on February 24, 2023. The core requirements and proposal criteria were developed with information and the input you gave us online and at our WRRRC meetings (see page 6 of the RFP). Proposals will be evaluated for compliance with the City’s standards, equity goals and other components we jointly created. The proposals and process we’re implementing are required and ensure it’s an equitable process.

A panel of City staff and a committee member will review and score the proposals. Members include:

- Adrienne Quick Wright, committee member and like you, has a lifelong passion for roller skating
- Mary Unterreiner, Culture and Community Manager (staff liaison to committee)
- Tom Dawson, Assistant Director – Planning and Project Development (staff liaison to committee)
- Joy Guy, Assistant Director, Business Services (researched skating management models)
- City staff from the Office of Equity and Inclusion

Once a managing operator is identified, the City will negotiate terms and execute an agreement, with City Council approval to allow for the reopening and operation of the skating rink.

Roller Skating Rink Facility Improvements

The City has completed the request for proposal (RFP) process to select a firm to design the improvements to the roller skating rink according to the [Roller Rink Conditions Assessment](#). City Council will review the contract (DWT Architects) at the [February 9, 2023 Council Work Session](#) and then vote to approve the contract on the February 20 City Council Meeting.

Here is the timeline for the anticipated steps in the design/construction process in order to open the Wheels Roller Rink in 2024:

February 9, 2023	City Council Work Session	Council will review the contract for the firm designing the improvements of the roller skating rink. <i>(Feb. 20, Council can approve the contract).</i>
March - June 2023	Wheels building design work	
Summer 2023	RFP for Wheels construction to be posted	Construction based on design work.
Early Fall 2023	City Council Work Session & Meeting (TBD)	Council will review and take action on Wheels construction contract.
Fall 2023 - Spring 2024	Wheels building construction	Approximately 5 months of construction.
Spring 2024	Estimated opening of skating rink	Subject to change



Reminder: Roller Skating Rink Building Improvements vs. Operating & Managing

- The request for proposals (RFP) process for a roller skating operator is a different and separate process than the RFP process for securing a firm to design the roller skating rink improvements (both are happening simultaneously).

Overall Splash & Play Project

After a months-long public engagement process, DPR is presenting the community and staff preferred design concepts to [City Council on February 23](#). DPR staff will provide a full report and presentation with conceptual design images to City Council. This presentation will cover the vision for the former Wheels Fun Park site, East End Park, and Long Meadow Park and all will be made available on the Splash & Play Project website (link below).

Our goal is to keep the skating rink open during the construction of the pool and park development. In the meantime, DPR staff and consultants will continue to refine the design, and schedule engagement opportunities as needed.

These projects are being requested for funding through the FY24 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to be submitted this year.

This information, as well as WRRRC meeting recordings and agendas are available on DPR's website:

[Wheels Roller Rink Page](#)

[Splash & Play Project Page](#)