

City of St. Catharines
ARENA PARTNERS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 11th, 5:15 PM
Meridian Room, Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre
240 St. Paul Street West, St. Catharines, ON

MINUTES

Attendance: Kim Bauer; Joe MacNeil; Councillor Williamson; Lincoln Fannell;
Councillor Siscoe; Jim Richardson; Glen Cyr; Phil Baranoski;
Steve Secord; Tony Penna; Dave Gerow;

Absent: Councillor Phillips; Bill Burke; Jim Denham;

Staff Liaison: Jim Benson; Trish Cardwell; Scott Greenfield;

Staff Absent: Rick Lane;

1. CHAIR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Welcome from the Chair; Kim Bauer at 5:18 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2013

Motion was made to accept the minutes as circulated.

Moved by: Glen Cyr

Seconded by: Tony Penna

CARRIED

3. ACTION LIST

Remove number 12 because it was completed.

Update number 9 to email the Winter Club for their statistics.

4. REPORTS AND UPDATES

4.1 CHAIR

Nothing

4.2 COUNCILLORS

Councillor Siscoe said that an announcement was made on Tuesday validating that Meridian will be donating \$5.23 million dollars for the Spectator Facility.

Jim Benson updated the Committee on the new energy and cost efficient lighting that has been installed in the ice pads at Seymour-Hannah. They will

continue to be mounted in the ice pads at that location. The response from the user groups has been extremely positive.

Councillor Phillips commented to the Council this week about how important the performance of the Arena Partners Committee is and what they are trying to achieve.

4.3 CITY STAFF

Recreation and Community Services has a new Manager of Enterprise Services starting on Monday, September 16th. Her name is Sandra Neil from the City of Burlington. She brings an expertise in recreation, customer service and marketing. Trish will be moving to Geneva Street and becoming the Operations Planner for the department.

5. ARENA STRATEGY

A discussion took place regarding the data that is being produced from the statistics that were gathered from the Class System for available non-prime ice in all City arenas. This information needs to have a consistent format that will be useful when writing the report to Council with the accurate numbers. Jim and Trish will access the Parks Operations Coop student to assist with this project. A debate took place whether Merritton Arena should be included.

Motion was made that City staff be asked to acquire allocation information from Merritton Arena for 2012 – 2013 winter seasons.

CARRIED

ACTION: Jim Benson will contact the City Clerks Department to see if the public have access to the Merritton Arena Lease Agreement.

Phil is still reviewing the financial information for the Arena Strategy Report with Michael Patterson, the City's Process Review Analyst. It was discovered that Phil had only received a budget for 9 months and instead of the full year. Now that he has the correct information, he will continue assessing the figures.

Phil mentioned that the Seymour-Hannah complex is running fantastic with very supportive staff.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Jim Richardson mentioned that the Ontario Women Hockey Association have announced the 2013 World Girls Hockey Game with leagues from all across Canada using the accumulation scoring process. Also, CHAOS are now affiliated with Brock and they will be called St. Catharines Female Hockey Junior Badgers.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 9th, 2013 at 5:15 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:40 PM.

Moved by: Phil Baranoski
Seconded by: Tony Penna
CARRIED