

City of St. Catharines
ARENA PARTNERS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 at 5:15 PM
Meridian Room, Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre
240 St. Paul Street West, St. Catharines, ON

MINUTES

Attendance: Kim Bauer; Councillor Siscoe; Councillor Williamson;
Phil Baranoski; Dave Gerow; Jim Denham; Glen Cyr;
Tony Penna; Joe MacNeil

Absent: Councillor Phillips; Steve Secord; Wayne Briggs-Jude;
Jim Richardson; Kathi Plug; Paul Coates;
Murray Nystrom; Bill Burke; Lincoln Fannell;
Ken Houtby; Ken Russell;

Staff Liaison: Scott Greenfield; Sandra Neil

Staff Absent: Rick Lane; Jim Benson;

Guest: R. Smith (CYO Representative)

1. CHAIR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Welcome from the Chair; Kim Bauer at 5:17 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 11th, 2013

Motion was made to accept the minutes as circulated.

Moved by: Councillor Siscoe

Seconded by: Dave Gerow

MOTION: To clarification Section #5 - Arena Strategy in the previous minutes before approved and carried.

"ARENA STRATEGY - A lengthy discussion took place among the committee regarding the report that needs to go to Council. Once all data collected is reviewed, Rick's recommendation will probably be to close an arena or possibly two pads depending on the statistical figures collected. Which pad(s) will also be determined by the information collected by staff and would take place in the 2014/2015 season, after the Meridian Centre has been up and running for a term. The conversation continued with pros and cons being voiced."

Moved by: Councillor Siscoe

Seconded by: Phil Baranoski

Committee discussed the interpretation of what was communicated regarding Arena Strategy.

ACTION ITEM: Meeting with Rick Lane to clarify – Kim Bauer

3. ACTION LIST

No updates.

4. REPORTS AND UPDATES

4.1 CHAIR

Kim explained the absence of some members.

4.2 COUNCILLORS

Councillor Williamson mentioned there may be additional funds in reserve for City budget.

ACTION ITEM: Meet with the Thorold Arena Advisory Committee – Kim Bauer and Rick Lane

ACTION ITEM: Confirm with Clerks Department whether the Committee has authorization to receive a copy of the City's lease with Merritton Arena – Councillor Siscoe and Councillor Williamson

4.3 CITY STAFF

Spring and summer ice allocation will be completed by next week.

Staff will investigate and report back to CYO, the bumping of a tournament at Seymour-Hannah for lacrosse.

5. ARENA STRATEGY

Start dates for this Committee were requested and it is stated that Council approved this establishment on October 1, 2007, formed in June 2008 and name changed from Ice Users Committee to Arena Partners Committee on September 17, 2008.

The Chair is concerned about the intent of the Committee and reminded them of the three motions that were made through Council regarding the Arena Strategy:

November 26, 2001

MOVED BY COUNCILOR HEIT:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMSON:

“that city staff in consultation with the Council Arena Committee commence a short term and long term arena strategy process” MOVED

April 27, 2009

MOVED BY COINCILLOR SECORD:

“that Haig Arena continue operation for 2009 to 2010 ice season; and that staff continue to work with the Arena Partners Committee to formulate a strategy for the future provision of ice facilities and report to Council in October 2009”

MOVED

December 5, 2011

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BURCH:

“that Council direct staff to consult with ice user representatives and report on a long term strategy to manage, maintain, replace and consolidate the City’s remaining ice pad inventory” MOVED

Committee discussed the Meridian Centre and the future availability of ice pads and costs of ice rentals. The Committee agreed that they need all the facts in order to make the appropriate decision as to the future of all the arenas within the City. It was identified that we need the Asset Management done for these City facilities.

The President of the St. Catharines Falcons, agreed with the Committee and expressed his concerns about the future home of the Falcons.

MOTION: That the Committee go to Council to update them on the progress of the Arena Partners Committee and present the status of the Arena Strategy.

Moved by: Councillor Siscoe
Seconded by: Dave Gerow
CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 12th, 2014 at 5:15 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Moved by: Tony Penna
Seconded by: Councillor Williamson
CARRIED