

City of St. Catharines
ARENA PARTNERS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 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;
Joe MacNeil; Bill Burke; Phil Baranoski; Dave Gerow;
Jim Richardson;

Absent: Councillor Phillips; Kathi Plug; Murray Nystrom; Steve Secord;
Paul Coates; Glen Cyr; Ken Russell; Tony Penna; Jim Denham;
Wayne Briggs-Jude; Ken Houtby; Lincoln Fannell;

Staff Liaison: Rick Lane; Jim Benson; Scott Greenfield; Sandra Neil

1. CHAIR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Welcome from the Chair; Kim Bauer at 5:20 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 13th, 2013

Motion was made to accept the minutes as circulated.

Moved by: Jim Richardson

Seconded by: Bill Burke

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3. ACTION LIST

No updates.

4. REPORTS AND UPDATES

4.1 CHAIR

Kim welcomed the committee and Rick Lane, the Director of Recreation and Community Services.

4.2 COUNCILLORS

Councillor Siscoe mentioned that the Asset Management for everything for the City except for facilities is coming out next week. Rates and Fees are going to Council on Monday and the new CAO will be announced at that time as well.

4.3 CITY STAFF

Rick led a discussion regarding personal credit card payments by ice users for the organizations rentals. The Treasurer of the City is working with Rick to develop a solution to this issue. Moving forward, please communicate with

your user groups to pay by cash or cheque. It is the intent of the City to not accept credit card payment(s) for any group or individual who block book ice time. The credit card fee will be recovered by the City increasing ice rental fees. If this is not restored voluntarily, a report will be presented to Council early in 2014.

5. 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.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Jim R. announced that there are meetings taking place to host the Women World Championship in 2016. Also, the National Team China's Women's Hockey Team played Brock University on Sunday, December 8th at Jack Gatecliff Arena and donations went to Community Care. On Monday, December 9th Team China played St. Catharines Female Chaos Midget AA team at Jack Gatecliff Arena with donations to Community Care as well.

Kim took this time to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 at 5:15 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:10 PM.

Moved by: Jim Richardson
Seconded by: Dave Gerow
CARRIED