



City of St. Catharines  
Arena Partners Committee  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:15 PM  
Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre  
Meridian's Sean Jackson Community Room  
240 St. Paul Street West, St. Catharines, ON

## **Minutes**

**Attendance:** Kim Bauer; Glen Cyr; Phil Baranoski; Joe MacNeil;  
Jim Richardson; Steve Secord; Councillor Williamson;  
Wayne Briggs-Jude; Ken Russell; Dave Gerow;  
Kathi Plug; Tony Penna;

**Absent:** Councillor Phillips; Bill Burke; Ken Houtby;  
Lincoln Fannell; Paul Coates; Murray Nystrom;  
Joanne Thomson; Jim Denham;

**Staff Liaison:** Dave Oakes; Sandra Neil;

**Staff Absent:** Scott Greenfield;

**Leave of Absence:** Councillor Siscoe;

### **1. Chairman to Call the Meeting to Order**

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

### **2. Approval of Minutes April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Motion was made to accept the minutes as circulated.

Moved by: Glen Cyr  
Seconded by: Phil Baranoski  
CARRIED

### **3. Action List**

Nothing

### **4. Reports and Updates**

#### **4.1 Chairman**

The Chair announced that Bill Burke from Niagara IceDogs has resigned from the Committee.

## **4.2 Councillors**

Councillor Williamson advised that the timeline for the Rec Master Plan is moving forward.

## **4.3 City Staff**

The recording secretary explained to the Committee the new format for the minutes and agenda, making them accessible.

The RCS Director stated that the Rec Master Plan proposal closed and the City received four high quality bidders. Part of the submission for the winning consultants is to contact all the user groups. The company that is recommended will be made public in June and the Rec Master Plan proposal should be brought to Council in January 2015.

The Committee expressed concern regarding the 'Terms of Reference' including the necessary parameters for arenas. Staff responded that the representation from the various departments of the City will address these specific issues when the consultants meet with the user groups.

## **5. Ice Allocation**

Sandra Neil presented the fall and winter ice allocation followed by a question and answer period. (Appendix I – Allocation Presentation attached) She also reminded the Committee that the formula for ice rentals is still directed by the Ice Allocation Policy. (Appendix II – Ice Allocation Policy attached)

The Committee discussed the need to bring additional school programming to the arenas.

As the Ice Allocation Policy on the website is not the current version Sandra Neil confirmed that it will be updated. The Committee further noted that once the Rec Master Plan is approved, the policy will probably need to be updated with Council's approval.

The RCS Director advised that the Merritton lease has not been renewed at this time but it is being handled through the City's Property Management Team and Council.

The Committee raised concern over shinny hockey getting better hours than some of the adult user groups which could be the result of ice time turned back. The Committee was reminded by staff that historical bookings will be taking a lower priority with the closure of Haig Bowl.

A discussion took place regarding the Merritton Arena hours that will be made available to the City.

Staff confirmed that the first event at the new Meridian Centre will take place on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

**Motion:**

The committee requests that staff move to standardize the facility rental rates to be aligned with the Council approved rates and fees across all municipally owned facilities included within the ice allocation process.

Moved by: Jim Richardson  
Seconded by: Wayne Briggs-Jude  
CARRIED

**6. New Business**

Tony Penna advised the Committee that he is submitting a private proposal for Haig Arena usage. This will be forwarded to Dave Oakes for processing through the proper channels.

The Chair reminded the Committee that emails should not go out to everyone on the Committee. These emails must be filtered through the Chair.

Some Committee members expressed frustration with using the new customer service system, CitizensFirst. It was suggested that they would still like to use their regular Customer Service Representative (CSR). Sandra Neil agreed to investigate the possibility.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:15 PM

**8. Adjournment of Meeting**

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:55 PM.

Moved by: Glen Cyr  
Seconded by: Phil Baranoski  
CARRIED

**Action List**  
**Updated: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**1. Aug-24-11**

Recommendation procedure for the Zero Tolerance Policy  
**Committee**

**2. May-8-13**

RCS Senior Management will discuss policy regarding end of allotted ice time  
when game is not completed

**Sandra and Scott**

**3. Nov-13-13**

Signage for locker room time limits

**Jim and Sandra**