

Arena Partners Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 13, 2014
Seymour-Hannah Sports & Entertainment Centre
Meridian's Sean Jackson Community Room
240 St. Paul Street West, St. Catharines at 5:15 p.m.

Attendance:

Kim Bauer	Chairman
Brent Archer	Jr. B Falcons
Paul Coates	St. Catharines Jr. A Lacrosse
Lincoln Fannell	Minor Lacrosse
Tony Penna	PHL
Kathi Plug	St. Catharines Recreation Skate

Absent:

Bill Phillips	Councillor
Mathew Siscoe	Councillor
Bruce Williamson	Councillor
Phil Baranoski	PHL
Wayne Briggs-Jude	Scheduler for Hockey Leagues
Glen Cyr	Adult Hockey League
Jim Denham	Brock University
Dave Gerow	CYO and MD Hurricanes
Ken Houtby	St. Catharines Jr. A Lacrosse
Murray Nystrom	Brock University
Ken Russell	Winter Club
Steve Secord	Garden City Minor Hockey Association
Jim Richardson	St. Catharines Female Hockey
Joanne Thomson	Ringette

Guests:

Renée Rochefort-Smith	CYO
Lynn Blanchard	Niagara Roller Girls
Brian Broley	Ballhockey.com Inc.
Amber Jones	Niagara Roller Girls

Staff Liaison:

Dave Oakes	Director, RCS
Sandra Neil	Manager of Enterprise Services, RCS
Kim Garrod	Recording Secretary

1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**
5:25 PM
2. **Motion to approve the minutes**
Moved by: Renée Rochefort-Smith
Seconded by: Kathi Plug
3. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**
CARRIED
4. **Action List**
 - 4.1.1
Requested on Aug-24-11
Recommendation procedure for the Zero Tolerance Policy - **Committee**
 - 4.1.2
Requested on May-8-13
RCS Senior Management will discuss policy regarding end of allotted ice time when game is not completed - **Sandra and Scott**
 - 4.1.3
Requested on Nov-13-13
Signage for locker room time limits - **Jim and Sandra**
5. **Reports and Updates**
 - 5.1 **Chairman**
Nothing
 - 5.2 **Councillors**
Nothing
 - 5.3 **City Staff**
 - 5.3.1 **Ice Allocation Update**
Sandra Neil reported that Mary did a wonderful job at completing the ice allocation. The youth organization hours were reduced by 3 hours per week. After a discussion with the scheduler, he confirmed that he would try and accommodate all the organization within the hours allocated. The Ducks Adult League decided to switch to the Meridian Centre and 9 hours a week have been allocated at the Merritton Arena.

CYO may require additional ice time and it was confirmed that they can check with Mary to see if there is any of the time that has been turned back that will meet their needs or they need to go through Geoff Crane for Merritton Arena and Ken Noakes for the Meridian Centre.

Any hours that were provided to the City by Merritton Arena and were not assigned through the allocation process have now been turned back to Merritton Arena so that the Lions Club can sell the time.

ACTION: The recording secretary will forward the contact information.

5.3.2 **Merritton Arena Lease Update**

Dave Oakes informed the Committee that the next step is being taken in obtaining the Merritton Lions long term lease. The time frame for completion is January 2015.

6. **Rec Master Plan and Consultants**

The Chairman wants to make sure that the Committee has a comprehensive process planned for their meeting with the consultants.

Dave Oakes mentioned that the consultation is a large component for the Rec Master Plan. He wants to make sure that the focus group meets with consultants and this Committee is fully represented. There will be an on line survey in September or October to be completed by all user groups. The data base of user groups is being compiled and will be sent out to this Committee to review before it is submitted to the consultants. There may need to be a meeting with Dave Oakes and Kim Bauer and the consultants prior to the focus group meeting. At this meeting with the consultants in late September, there will be a small presentation by them first and then a question and answer period.

A discussion took place amongst the Committee to see what would be beneficial to express at the focus group. It was suggested that smaller groups, like ball hockey, minor hockey, and adult hockey meet within their own boards to discuss the organization's concerns and then bring those issues forward at the focus group.

Dave Oakes mentioned that the Rec Master Plan is usually a 5 year plan but the infrastructure is typically longer. The majority of the plan is scheduled to be done by December 2014 with completion and presentation to Council in February 2015.

7. **Business**

CYO wanted to know if outside storage is needed on City property, who do they have to contact.

ACTION: The recording secretary will email the contact information to them.

Dave Oakes announced that there has been an Expression of Interest for Haig Bowl Arena. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has gone out for an operator responsible for all costs for a 2 year term.

A request came in from the Roller Derby Girls to use Haig Bowl for 2 days in September. Dave Oakes reminded the Committee that Council agreed to close Haig Bowl Arena the first of September.

ACTION: City staff will look into the possibility of using Haig Bowl with an extension or the Bill Burgoyne Arena dry floor.

8. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 5:15 PM

9. **Motion to Adjourn at 6:25 PM**

Moved by: Paul Coates

Seconded by: Renée Rochefort-Smith