

Arena Partners Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 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
Mathew Siscoe	Councillor
Bruce Williamson	Councillor
Brent Archer	Jr. B Falcons
Phil Baranoski	PHL
Glen Cyr	Adult Hockey League
Lincoln Fannell	Minor Lacrosse
Dave Gerow	CYO and MD Hurricanes
Murray Nystrom	Brock University
Tony Penna	PHL
Kathi Plug	St. Catharines Recreation Skate
Jim Richardson	St. Catharines Female Hockey
Ken Russell	Winter Club

Absent:

Bill Phillips	Councillor
Wayne Briggs-Jude	Scheduler for Hockey Leagues
Paul Coates	St. Catharines Jr. A Lacrosse
Jim Denham	Brock University
Ken Houtby	St. Catharines Jr. A Lacrosse
Steve Secord	Garden City Minor Hockey Association
Joanne Thomson	Ringette

Staff Liaison:

Dave Oakes	Director, RCS
Sandra Neil	Manager of Enterprise Services, RCS

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

5:15 p.m.

2. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, August 13th, 2014

Moved by: Jim Richardson

Seconded by: Dave Gerow

Deferred until next meeting.

2.1 A request to have the City Clerk come to the next meeting or review with the Committee, on the contents for the minutes.

2.3 No update on the Merritton Arena Lease until after the new election.

2.4 There will be a Community Engagement Fair open to the public on November 25th, 2014 at the St. Catharines Museum from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All Committees of Council will be represented and a City Staff member will be the liaison.

2.5 Haig Arena is still available on the website for rentals.

ACTION: City staff will investigate.

2.6 A short discussion took place regarding the reduction in hours from ice allocation.

3. Action List

No updates

3.1

Requested on Aug-24-11

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

3.2

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**

3.3

Requested on Nov-13-13

Signage for locker room time limits - **Sandra**

4. Reports and Updates

4.1 Chairman

4.2 Councillors

4.2.1 The new Council will have at least 3 new people; two are running for Mayor and one for Regional.

4.3 City Staff

4.3.1 Dave Oakes stated that Council authorized a lease agreement with Ballhockey.com to operate Haig Bowl Arena for dry floor activities. They will be the private operators, and will cover all overhead costs, including staffing, utilities, maintenance and repairs to the building and equipment.

4.3.2 The City of St. Catharines will share its private suite at the Meridian Centre and tickets for Niagara IceDogs home games free of charge with local registered charities, incorporated non-profits and minor sports associations. If your organization is interested, please go to the City website home page to complete the application form.

4.3.3 Roger's Sportsnet will feature St. Catharines on national TV on December 12th to the 14th on its Hometown Hockey program during its Sunday night coverage for NHL hockey. This event will highlight the community's hockey roots, raising the City's profile to a national audience and Ron MacLean will be the host. Rogers will use an ice pad at the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre as well as space downtown at Market Square.

4.3.4 The individual surveys for the Rec Master Plan are now available on the City website. This survey is for all types of recreation including parks, pools, community centres, arenas and programming. Please promote people to take this short survey to share what matters most to them. It will help the City better understand what's important to the community.

There will be a separate Focus Group meeting for this Rec Master Plan where one individual from each organization will be invited. This list will be provided to the Arena Partners Committee the week of September 15th to make sure all organizations are represented. A group survey will also be circulated to the representative of the organization to complete.

4.3.5 The Committee was reminded that it dissolves with the Council.

4.3.6 Dave Oakes is still assessing the technical issues with using Eplay for rentals.

4.3.7 CYO are concerned about the parking issues at Jack Gatecliff once the Meridian Centre is opened.

ACTION: Dave Oakes will look into this and report back to the Committee.

4.3.8 The Committee discussed a concern regarding the bleachers in the one corner of Rex Stimers Arena.

ACTION: Dave Oakes will speak to the Facility Supervisor about the problem.

5. New Business

5.1 Dave Oakes will send the Committee a copy of the Meridian Centre Opening Events and will also confirm if there will be any free ice times.

6. Date of next meeting

To be determined.

7. Motion to Adjourn to 6:50 p.m.

Moved by: Jim Richardson
Seconded by: Glen Cyr
CARRIED