

**City of St. Catharines  
ARENA PARTNERS COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 5:15 PM  
Meridian Room, Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre  
240 St. Paul Street West, St. Catharines, ON**

**MINUTES**

Welcome from the Chair; Kim Bauer at 5:19 PM

**Present:** Kim Bauer; Jim Benson; Trish Cardwell; Scott Greenfield; Phil Baranoski; Glen Cyr; Councillor Bruce Williamson; Bill Burke; Joe MacNeil; Ken Russell; Jim Richardson;

**Regrets:** Lincoln Fannell; Murray Nystrom; Tony Penna; Kathi Plug; Councillor Bill Phillips; Ed Mokrzynski; Rick Lane; Jon Lowe;

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

A motion was made by Glen C. and seconded by Phil B. that the minutes be accepted as circulated.

**Carried**

**REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**Chair**

Kim B. announced that Ed Mokrzynski has given his resignation from the Arena Partners Committee. Kim emailed Ed on behalf of everyone to thank him for all his support and dedication over the years with this committee.

Kim attended the Council meeting where the spectator facility was going to be discussed. Kim spoke to the council, trying to make them aware that it is difficult to gather the information necessary to produce an arena strategy report. The spectator facility was approved with a cost of approximately 50 million dollars coming from various funding venues. The committee discussed this issue at a great length.

Trish C. is going to have a staff member do up a mock ice allocation using all ice pads except one. This way we will have a visual of the actual ice time that will be needed.

**Councillors**

Councillor Williamson said there could be a potential of losing 1 or 2 arenas. He also mentioned that Merritton arena should be considered in this scenario as it is owned by the City. Hopefully there will be time to deliberate everything.

Councillor Williamson also had some complaints regarding the public skating schedule. They were not put on the City website and these schedules need to be communicated better.

**City Staff**

Jim B. said that the Design Build Consultant Services has been posted the RFP on the City website and it will be closed on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. There will be a public response after that process.

**ARENA STRATEGY**

Kim conducted a discussion regarding the existing ice pads and the new spectator facility and the options that are available to best accommodate the community. During the conversation, it was suggested that City staff look into the lease agreement that the City has with the Merritton Lions Club regarding the Merritton arena. The committee would also like to look into ice time availability at Ridley and Merritton arenas as helpful possibilities.

### **ACTION LIST**

An update was done to the Action List changing #1 to Kim Bauer and then removing #3, #5, #6, #7, #9 and #10.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Phil B. would like a letter sent on behalf of the committee to the Mayor and Councillors confirming that the Arena Partners Committee, along with City staff, be involved in all planning aspects and development of the new spectator facility. This also needs to be applied on any discussions about disassembly or shutting down of any current City arenas.

Phil is requesting that all public skating programs have priority over tournaments especially during the Christmas holiday season and the school spring breaks.

Phil would like more copies of financial reports showing the operation expenditures for each arena. Jim reminded Phil that the budget is available to the public and is on the City website.

The last issue that Phil mentioned was the 1¼ hour ice rental times that aren't available anymore. A conversation took place among the committee about offering this time schedule again, but Trish reminded everyone that those ice rental times always left too many 45 minutes spots of lost booking time.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:15 PM

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting to adjourn at 7:00 PM by Phil B. and seconded by Joe M.