

**City of St. Catharines  
ARENA PARTNERS COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 5:20 PM

**Present:** Kim Bauer; Trish Cardwell; Jim Richardson; Phil Baranoski;  
Rick Lane; Kathi Plug; Glen Cyr; Scott Greenfield;

**Regrets:** Jim Benson; Bill Burke; Ken Houtby; Councilor Phillips; Councillor Matt Siscoe;  
Tony Penna; Ken Russell;

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES MARCH 7TH, 2012**

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

**Carried**

**REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**Chair**

Kim Bauer welcomed everyone and reminded the committee that this will be the last meeting until August. If there is a need for one, we can always call an emergency meeting.

**City Staff**

Rick Lane was reviewing a couple of issues with the committee.

A funding opportunity just came in from Mars bars and he has the contact information if anyone is interested for their organizations.

**Spectators Facility:**

Rick wanted to thank everyone who attended the Spectators Facility meeting with the consultants. They were extremely pleased with the representation of this group because of how prepared they were. Additional meetings are scheduled and there are still issues that will be addressed. There will be a Staff Team which will be led by George Darte.

Rick mentioned that Trish Cardwell, Kim Bauer and Wayne Briggs-Jude met to discuss the pros and cons of six ice pads and the Spectators Facility, not including the Jack Gatecliff Complex. These issues are still being discussed and when we have further details, we will share them with the committee.

Rick updated the committee on the Merritton lease. Jim Benson met with Dave Macklem and the contract is good until 2015. That leaves us time to develop strategies regarding ice usage and enforcing our policies.

Kim B. mentioned that the meeting regarding the Spectators Facility did run much better and they seemed to listen and take interest in our suggestions. Kim wanted it documented that it wasn't just his sole interest in having an international size ice, that Councillor Williamson played an active interest as this as well. Rick added that in the RFP, they are going to have an optional price for an international ice pad.

A short discussion took place regarding the committee's concerns on the new facility and losing ice pads.

**Councillors**

None

**ARENA STRATEGY AND  
MOCK ICE ALLOCATION**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the amount of ice pads needed for the city, including Merritton and Ridley arena. It was commented that the mock allocation is critical and each individual ice time needs to be included.

**2012 ICE ALLOCATION UPDATE**

Trish

Amendments are being made to the ice allocation requests that came in and May 1 was the deadline. The fall and winter allocations are proceeding and a fall and winter ice allocation meeting may be needed this year.

There were a couple of tournaments discussed with the user groups to make sure that there were no conflicts and if there were, solutions needed to be discussed to address these issues.

A meeting took place with a Canadian lacrosse team who wants to play in St. Catharines and are looking for a partnership with Brock. A discussion took place regarding the operations of the flooring. The committee had a very positive response to this team coming to our area and seemed to be open about the adaptability of using other ice pads if necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 5:15 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting to adjourn at 7:10 PM by Glen C. and seconded by Phil B.