

**City of St. Catharines
ARENA PARTNERS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 5th, 2012, 6:00 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; Phil Baranoski; Wayne Briggs-Jude; Bill Burke; Trish Cardwell;
Glen Cyr; Lincoln Fannell; Dave Gerow; Scott Greenfield; Ken Houtby;
Joe MacNeil; Jim Richardson; Councillor Siscoe

Regrets: Jim Benson; Jim Denman; Rick Lane; Jon Lowe; Murray Nystrom; Tony Penna; Kathi
Plug; Ken Russell; Councillor Williamson;

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OCTOBER 10TH, 2012

A motion was made by Joe MacNeil and seconded by Jim Richardson that the minutes be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

ACTION LIST

no changes

REPORTS AND UPDATES

CHAIR

nothing

COUNCILLORS

nothing

STAFF

Trish confirmed that the spring / summer ice allocation requests received and now being processed. Rates and fees proposed changes to prime hours will be going to council on December 10th and if approved, 4 – 5 PM Monday to Friday and 6 – 7 AM Saturday and Sunday, non-prime time rates will apply.

MOCK ICE ALLOCATION

Council directed staff, through the Arena Partners Committee, to consult with ice user groups and to report on a long term strategy to manage, maintain, replace and consolidate the city's ice pad inventory.

A power point presentation by Trish took place regarding the mock ice allocation for all ice pads including the changes that were requested by the committee. This also included a weekly breakdown of hours booked in the new Spectator Facility as a result of 2011-2012 season being condensed into 6 pads of ice. (This presentation will be emailed to all committee members.)

After the presentation a few questions and concerns were discussed.

Trish reminded the committee that there has been no decision to date on the number of pads necessary to accommodate all ice user groups. The committee should review the data to assist in making a recommendation to council of the number of ice pads required by the community.

The committee identified a strategy is needed to properly assess if and what facilities should be decommissioned. The statistical data related to the mock allocation is only one part of that strategy. It was felt by the committee members that staff would be better equipped to develop the strategy.

Members of the committee suggested perhaps a two year statistical review of data may be needed after the new Spectator Facility is open to determine ice requirements properly. Perhaps a delay could be requested.

Another member suggested setting up a meeting in the future to discuss recommendations and concerns with the Mayor, CAO, and the senior management team.

NEW BUSINESS

none

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 5:15 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting to adjourn at 7:15 PM by Phil Baranoski and seconded by Ken Houtby. .