

**City of St. Catharines
ARENA PARTNERS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 12th, 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; Murray Nystrom; Lincoln Fannell;
Scott Greenfield; Kathi Plug; Jim Richardson; Councillor Williamson; Councillor Siscoe;
Ken Houtby; Paul Coates;

Regrets: Rick Lane; Councillor Phillips; Glen Cyr; Jon Lowe; Joe McNeil; Bill Burke; Tony Penna;
Phil Baranoski;

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES MAY 9TH, 2012

A motion was made by Lincoln Fannell and seconded by Murray Nystrom that the minutes be accepted as circulated.

Councillor Williamson asked for a quick update on the Merritton Arena lease because he missed last meeting. Jim B. confirmed that the lease is not up until 2015 which gives the city plenty of time to review policies and procedures that need to be altered.

Carried

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Kim B. led a discussion on the new Spectators Facility regarding parking space and whether an international or NHL size ice pad will be installed. The committee also expressed concerns about the existence of the Jack Gatecliff Complex.

ARENA STRATEGY

A conversation was guided by Kim B. as to how important arena strategy is for the future of our arenas. It was suggested to contact other municipalities or boards to see if they had any guidance moving forward. The committee is also looking towards senior management for resources and staff involvement. Councillor Williamson suggested Hamilton may be a good municipality to contact for assistance.

The mock allocation was questioned by Jim R. and touched on briefly because Rick Lane will be addressing this at our next meeting. Kim B. suggested that because of all the questions regarding the spectator's facility and the allocation of ice, we could maybe delegate the majority of the next meeting to that area.

ACTION LIST

Kim B. confirmed the deletion of number 2 regarding the dedicated ice rental phone line and number 5 about the Merritton Arena lease.

MOCK ICE ALLOCATION

The mock ice allocation item was deferred until the next meeting in October which is when Rick Lane, Director of Recreation and Community Services, will report on this issue.

SPECTATOR FACILITY UPDATE

Jim B. mentioned that the RFP for the Spectators Facility closes on September 25th. There will be a basic press release at that time pending the review process to be conducted by CBRE, SMG, the council team and the staff team. Staff will produce a report to council on October 29th respecting the successful submission.

Another brief discussion took place regarding the parking spaces, size of ice pad and the pros and cons involving the facility. Kathi P. mentioned that if a presentation went to council to change the size of the pool at Kiwanis, maybe it would be possible to make a presentation to council showing the benefits of an international pad, explaining that it can't house speed skating or syncro skating.

An action was presented to the committee asking if Kim B. goes to council to make a presentation on the ice size, should he go on behalf of the committee or himself. All was in favour of Kim representing the Arena Partners Committee at council.

2012 – 2013 ICE ALLOCATION UPDATE

Trish C. reviewed the ice allocation with the committee, commenting that the contracts went out a little late this year, and only one group has not received their contract yet because we are still trying to accommodate the Canadian Lacrosse League. Their games will run from January to April. Trish confirmed that they are bringing in their own floor boards including installation and dismantling. They will also be running some youth programs through the day. She confirmed that the turn back date for ice is October 1st.

Trish C. also announced that Red Bull is doing the Crashed Ice Competition at the Jack Gatecliff Complex.

ITEMS FOR THIS SEASON

Kim B. wanted to confirm the schedule of the Arena Partners Committee and discuss some goals to setup for 2013.

ACTION: Trish C. will provide phone numbers and email addresses for all minor hockey groups to Kim B. so he can contact them about representation on the committee.

A discussion took place about the option of contracting some ice for the city from other arenas like Ridley College and Merritton. It was also suggested that viable communication with the representatives from these organizations.

Councillor Williamson wanted to know how the ice ran this summer under the humid conditions. Trish C. and Scott G. said that we had soft ice a few times and do to health and safety issues, we shut down for one day and all users were contacted. Four ice pads operated all summer, closing Saturdays around 2:00 p.m.

Jim B. also mentioned that Seymour Hannah, because of the excessive seating was used as a cooling centre through the summer and stayed open until midnight.

NEW BUSINESS

Trish discussed the rates and fees for the city which includes changes and additional items and cap fees (APPENDIX A). These are only proposed rates and have not been approved by council yet. The approvals usually come through in December and fees come into effect in May of the following year.

Kim B. commented that city council is aiming to approve the budget by February this year.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 10th, 2012 at 5:15 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting to adjourn at 6:50 PM by Councillor Matt Siscoe and seconded by Jim Richardson.

APPENDIX A

2013 proposed Rates & Fees:

	2012	HST	Total	Proposed 2013	HST	Total
ARENAS (RATES EFFECTIVE MAY 1)						
Note: Youth rate only applies to formal youth groups / associations; adult fees apply to all private rentals						
	NEW					
ICE RENTAL FEES						
Adults/private - Prime (20 yrs. plus) all arenas/per hour	174.00	22.62	196.62	176.00	22.88	198.88
Youth Groups - Prime (19 years and under) - per hour	148.00	19.24	167.24			
Youth Groups-Non-prime(19 years and under)-per hour	56.00	7.28	63.28	58.00	7.54	65.54
Adult / Private-Non-prime	92.00	11.96	103.96	95.00	12.35	107.35
Mini Practice Rink - Per 1/2 Hour - Prime Time Rate	20.00	2.60	22.60	20.50	2.67	23.17
Non-Prime Time Rate \$1.50 surcharge plus HST per 1/2 hour	15.50	2.02	17.52	16.00	2.08	18.08
ALL ABOVE ICE RATES SUBJECT TO A \$10.00 PLUS HST PER HOUR SURCHARGE AND \$3.00 PLUS HST FOR MINI RINK						
ARENA DRY SPORTS FLOOR USE (Lacrosse, Ball Hockey, etc.)						
Youth Games and Practices - Per Hour	75.00	9.75	84.75	58.00	7.54	65.54
Adult Games / Practices or Non- Profit Event -per hour NEW	75.00	9.75	84.75	77.00	10.01	87.01
Event Rate - Commercial per hour (dry or ice)	160.00	20.80	180.80	176.00	22.88	198.88