

**City of St. Catharines
ARENA PARTNERS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 13th, 2013, 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 5:18 PM

Present: Kim Bauer; Jim Benson; Trish Cardwell; Scott Greenfield; Kathi Plug; Glen Cyr; Bill Burke; Wayne Briggs-Jude; Joe MacNeil; Ken Houtby; Lincoln Fannell; Councillor Phillips; Dave Gerow; Councillor Williamson;

Regrets: Councillor Siscoe; Rick Lane; Phil Baranoski; Jim Richardson; Murray Nystrom; Tony Penna; Ken Russell;

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FEBRUARY 13TH, 2013

A motion was made by Glen Cyr and seconded by Councillor Bill Phillips that the minutes be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

ACTION LIST

Action item updates:

- 5 - provided by Trish but needs to be reviewed
- 6 - completed (remove)
- 9 - completed (remove)
- 10 - completed (remove)
- 11 - need accurate date
- 12 - Haig Bowl roof 2009
- 13 - Spectator Facility approval date
- 19 - completed (remove)
- 20 - completed (remove)

Kim B. will email Wayne exactly what information he needs and he can do a fan out to all the organizers.

Councillor Williamson confirmed with the committee that the city does do a 5 year plan. Jim B. agreed and added that once the city's capital budget is approved; all the departments start to prioritize the work with their funds.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

CHAIRMAN

nothing

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Williamson reported that he mentioned to the council that we need accurate information before a decision is made as to what facilities stay or go.

He also stated that we have our new City Engineer and Director of Transportation and Environmental Services, Ron Tripp.

Councillor Phillips announced that Spectator Facility Committee meets every Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ball-Rankin Construction Inc. is right on schedule and proceeding as we hoped, driving the piles in with minimal obstructions.

STAFF

nothing

ARENA STRATEGY REPORT

Kim B. said that the estimated costs for the arena assessments were done in 2011 so we will need to add any increase to the cost. He also suggested that we may need to sit down with the new engineer to review the assessments.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Phillips mentioned that he had family come from out of town to attend a tournament at Seymour-Hannah and they were extremely impressed. The facility was very clean, staff was pleasant and everything ran on time. Kim B. agreed having similar comments reported to him as well.

Councillor Williamson wanted to know if we have assessments on the Merritton arena and Jim B. said that he will look into it.

Councillor Williamson suggested reviewing the programing in the arenas and possibly reducing the staff hours. A discussion took place regarding various ways of using the arenas including new types of programing and the equipment maintenance that would be needed during off season shut down.

Kim B. examined the idea of city staff doing some of the assessments and saving the budgeted costs of them. Scott mentioned that city staff do health and safety inspections through the city facilities monthly. Kim B. stated that a short description of the process would be helpful.

Councillor Williamson asked if we could contact someone in Thorold to get an update on their arena. Jim B. said that he knew someone in operations that he could contact for an update.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 10th, 2013 at 5:15 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting to adjourn at 6:00 PM by Joe MacNeil and seconded by Wayne Briggs-Jude.