

Report to Municipal Council



Meeting Date: September 4, 2024	Report Date: August 28, 2024
Reason Before Council: Policy Direction / Approval	Priority: Normal
Department: Parks & Recreation	Type of Meeting: Committee of the Whole

Report Title: 2024 – 2025 Arena Ice Season

Recommended Resolution:

That the report be received by Council, and the following direction be confirmed:

- Target opening date to coincide with Minor Hockey opening games of Thanksgiving
 - Tentative ice on is October 15th (probably a few days earlier to avoid any last-minute delays)
 - Tentative plant start-up +/- end of September
 - Quote from Metal Air is attached which includes the ammonia top-up, start-up and electrical panel installation which is lower than expected
 - In anticipation of higher electrical repair costs, we have asked for competitive quotes for the fuse panel. As of the date of writing this report, further quotes had not yet been received. The quote from Metal Air is within budget and baring a lower quote, we will proceed with Metal Air for repairs / fix if additional quotes are not received because of tight timing of events.
 - Jet Ice (ice painting) has been contacted and the cost is attached. To note this cost has more than doubled in the last few years.
 - Curling Club rental is still pending. In the event they do not decide to play this year, to save money on painting, there is an option not to paint curling circles or ringette lines.
- If an earlier date is requested, that Council provide direction, it may still not be possible to re-book ice painting any earlier or even Metal Air repairs.
- That the canteen rental is:
 - * to be negotiated with Minor Hockey or same rate as last year or higher.
 Does council still require report on profit / loss of operation as this is an exclusive offer to this group.



* or that an open request for proposal be publicly made so that a fair market rate may be set.

Analysis & Background:

The following email was received by The Minor Hockey Association.

From: Minor Hockey <scmhaturbos@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 9:10 PM

To: Denis Turcot <cao@stcharlesontario.ca>

Subject: Arena opening

Good evening Denis that time of year is upon us, we will be opening registrations for hockey in the next few days. I have a few questions could you answer to the best of your ability and let me know if I need to attend a council meeting for any of them please.

1. The big one when do you expect the ice to go in this year, we usually shoot for the week after Thanksgiving this year that would give us a start of October 15th.

I do not foresee any issues with these dates, I will try to confirm the ice in date within a few weeks if possible.

2. Will we have use of the canteen again this season at the same rate?

Unless I missed it, we did not receive the required reporting found in the agreement. Once received, I would bring your request for an extension to the next council meeting.

“2.3.0 Prior to a new or extend lease being considered, a full financial reporting shall be submitted to the Municipality by April 30, 2024, that shall include but not limited to total sales, expenses (in such detail as to determine material), equipment, salaries, and supply costs.

2.3.1 Also included with the financial report a summary report that will indicate the total hours of operation and any concerns, recommendation or observation regarding operation, capital equipment or other comments in regard to the canteen or arena operation. “

3. Are there going to be any changes to the cost of ice rentals this year, having the fee change midway through the season last year without warning really hurt us financially and if it hadn't been for the canteen we would have been at a huge deficit last season.

Not that I am aware of, I recommend that you reach out to -----(Staff) to confirm rental rates



4. To answer the first question that you will ask me I am unsure how many teams we will have, I will know for certain mid September but we are hoping for 3-4 teams and might do an extra hour of ice time like we did last year if I can get coaching staff for it.

The only thing I would request is if player/teams numbers are lower that you let us know as soon as you can.

5. Do you have any bookings for next season yet that I will have to take into consideration when scheduling practices and games? Once you do start taking bookings can you let me know as soon as possible please so that I can work around anything you have.

Just talked with ---- (Arena Staff), he as not yet booked anything for this year or know of any significant changes. Please coordinate with ----(Staff) on preferred dates and times.

Thank you for your time, we are excited for this season and can't wait to get the kids on the ice again.

Regards,
Maria Tavares
President SCMHA

Attachments:

- Quote from Metal Air
- Quote from Jet Ice
- Canteen Contract from 2023 - 2024

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