

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number Mayor 2017-002

Date: September 12, 2017
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: all

Subject: Arena Capital Plan

Author/Title: A Letham, Mayor

Signature:

Recommendation(s):

RESOLVED THAT Report Mayor 2017-001, **Arena Capital Plan**, be received;

THAT the Manvers, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, and Woodville arena facilities be maintained as required for operations;

THAT the Ops arena facility be scheduled for a complete refurbishment;

THAT a new arena complex be explored in the Oakwood/Little Britain area, with the goal of combining the two existing facilities;

THAT a new arena complex be explored in the Village of Omemee to replace the existing Emily/Omemee complex; and

THAT staff report back by 2nd quarter of 2018 on the implementation and budget requirements for all actions above.

Department Head: _____

Corporate Services Director / Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At the Council Meeting of July 11th, 2017, Council adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT Report Mayor 2017-001, **Arenas Working Group - Update**, be received;

THAT the general guidelines attached as Appendix A, for various volunteer advisory groups to assist staff with various arena initiatives and provide input, be endorsed;

THAT the general guidelines be made available to any other volunteer advisory group interested in assisting with their local arena operations;

THAT Staff, the Arenas Working Group and the Arena User Groups continue to work together to reduce the city – wide annual operating deficit for arena facilities, with a staff report back on operational savings and efficiencies following the 2018-19 arena season; and

THAT staff and the Arenas Working Group develop a long term Capital Plan for Arena facilities, and provide Council with recommendations and options in Q3, 2017.

This report addresses the direction in the last recommendation.

Rationale:

Council has made the decision to maintain and monitor the current compliment of ice surfaces in the City of Kawartha Lakes. This will give some of our resident group's time to come up with committees if they choose and find ways to assist with fundraising opportunities. That being said, a long term capital plan and direction are required to ensure we have modern and appropriate recreation facilities and they are available well into the future. This will ensure that future generations can enjoy the same affordable recreational opportunities that past generations have enjoyed. What should be taken into account is that some of those opportunities will be different from ones in the past as needs and wants are changing.

The current arena facilities in Manvers, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay and Woodville, should be maintained to ensure current operational levels, availability for our residents, as well as monitor utilization and building adequacy.

The working group is recommending that due to the poor condition and high use of the Ops arena, that it be scheduled for a complete refurbishment as soon as possible. This will bring it up to date and ensure its viability for many years to come.

The concept of a new arena complex should be explored in the Oakwood/Little Britain area. Both these facilities are fairly dated and combining them at some point makes sense from a distance and utilization perspective. The single and twin pad option should be looked into and as needs dictate a final decision can be made on location and structure at a future date and should take into account the opportunity to consolidate other city services at the same time.

The working group also feels that a new arena facility should be explored and relocated into the Village of Omeme. The existing facility is dated and in need of substantial capital investment to extend its life cycle. Moving a new build into the village makes sense for the future of the community. A location and style of build can be explored in the future.

These directions should coincide as much as possible with maintenance requirements in the older facilities. Timelines and recommendations brought back by staff will ensure we are maximizing capacity and dollars regarding maintenance. By putting a long term plan in place and doing some designs for these facilities ahead of time, we will insure as a municipality that we are in the best position to capitalize on grant funding opportunities as they become available.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Status quo is always an alternative, not recommended as most of the facilities are old and in need of major capital improvements just to remain open.

Any variety of options is available for discussion.

Financial Considerations:

Our current asset management plan and 10 year capital and operating financial plan, are based on the status quo for 10 ice services as per the direction of council. Any changes to that status quo will have budget implications. Financial projections previously supplied with the original staff report show new construction of twin pads or new builds can result in long term savings over future years. Long term financial plans will be adjusted as new decisions are made.

Relationship of Recommendation(s) To The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

Recreational facilities support Goal 1 and Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan by contributing to A Vibrant and Growing Economy and an Exceptional Quality of Life.

Consultations:

Arena Working Group
Director of Community Services
Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Manager of Corporate Assets

Attachments:

N/A

Please ensure that all attachments are forwarded with the signed report.

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