

MEETING

The regular meeting of the Stellarton Memorial Rink Commission was held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Chair Mayor J. Gennoe, Deputy Mayor J. MacLellan, Comms. D. Taylor, K. Francis, S. Mayich and D. Davidson. Also present Town Clerk J. Eaton, Recreation Director P. Corbin.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Comm. D. Taylor, and seconded by Comm. S. Mayich. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH AND MAY, 2016

Comm. D. Taylor moved the approval of the March 29, 2016 and May 16, 2016 Minutes as received on this date, seconded by Comm. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER: REPORT AND UPDATE

The Stellarton Memorial Rink continues to be open for regular Bingo events as well as for Homecoming events this summer. From an operations perspective, the Bingo events have worked reasonably well. Staff has made minor adjustments to moneys paid to the Town Staff person and the Bingo Manager to ensure they are compensated for their time. The last Bingo game will be on September 30th; after that, the Rink will be back to ice. The Rink has passed inspections by staff on a monthly basis with most deficiencies attended to. A copy of the Rink report is attached for information.

Comm. K. Francis moved the acceptance of the Stellarton Memorial Rink Report for September 19, 2016 as presented seconded by Comm. D. Taylor **Motion Carried.**

RECREATION DIRECTOR: REPORT AND UPDATE

Recreation Coordinator P. Corbin reported contacting all organizations that rented the Rink last year. He reached out to Minor Hockey to find out the status of what is to be expected this year with the amalgamation of the Minor Hockey Associations. He has not received a response. He did hear from the Female Minor Hockey Association. The Nova League has already signed on and they want to use the same hours they did last year.

The public was pleased with Stellarton's rental rates last year. P. Corbin's recommendation would be that the rates stay the same.

Comm. D. Davidson asked P. Corbin if he would contact Northumberland Regional High School to see if the boys and girls hockey teams would be interested in using the Stellarton Rink for games or practice time. P. Corbin reported that they are on the list of contacts along with North Nova High School. He has not heard back from their Sport Directors yet. In the past they have used the Westville Rink.

Comm. D. Taylor moved that the ice rental rates for the Stellarton Memorial Rink for the year starting September 2016 to the end of March 2017 remain as they were in the previous year: schools \$100/hr.; minor hockey \$146/hr.; and private \$158/hr., seconded by Comm. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

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Comm. D. Taylor asked P. Corbin if he heard that there is a declining enrollment in Minor Hockey. P. Corbin said yes, numbers are down across the province. Cost being the greatest contributor to that.

Comm. D. Taylor asked how many hours a week would Stellarton's Minor Hockey book? P. Corbin said roughly 16 hr./week. They are one of Stellarton's major rentals; not the most dollar wise, but the most hours of rental time. P. Corbin reported that he hasn't heard anything from any of the Minor Hockey Associations or even Hockey Nova Scotia saying that there would be a decline in ice rentals because the numbers are roughly the same so they have to play out of somewhere. If anything he said he was expecting an increase.

Comm. D. Taylor had questions on two items that were discussed in the previous minutes that P. Corbin was going to look into. One was the use of protective headgear when on the ice surface. P. Corbin stated that he looked into a product called Halo headgear designed to reduce the impact of falling on the ice. P. Corbin said the headgear is similar to what figure skaters wear. A hard plastic shell goes around the head and is disguised into the hat so a person can still use their hat but if there was a fall the hat would minimize the impact zone. Cost of the hat is \$32.00. At the next Occupational Health and Safety meeting P. Corbin will be recommending the use of these hats by maintenance staff. The other item was the consumption of alcohol by some individuals in the dressing rooms at the Rink. Comm. D. Taylor would like to know the Town solicitor's position on this matter and liability to Council and the Commission. Comm. J. MacLellan thought there should be a recommendation going forward and have the Town Clerk present it to the solicitor to get his position on liability.

P. Corbin said currently there is a Policy in place at the Rink which states anyone under the age of 12 has to wear a helmet. P. Corbin highly recommended the Board put in place an "all or nothing Policy" that would include all patrons and staff because most of the Rinks in the County are going that way because of falls.

Comm. J. MacLellan made the motion that all patrons using the ice surface at the Stellarton Memorial Rink be required to wear protective headgear, seconded by Comm. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Recreation Coordination P. Corbin said Minor Hockey registration is down across the province. Just from Hockey Nova Scotia's standpoint, registration is down provincially. Comm. D. Davidson felt part of the reason was due to the increased cost in registration fees.

FINANCE: REPORTS FOR JUNE AND JULY

Comm. D. Taylor reported that \$140,000.00 was budgeted for Bingo revenue this year. According to Financial Statements to the end of August, Bingo revenue would be \$91,399.95. Comm. D. Taylor said to meet the budgeted amount September would need to bring in \$50,000.00. She asked if anyone knew the Bingo Revenue for September. Town Clerk J. Eaton stated that once bank statements are received and accurate figures prepared, the information would be sent to Commission members.

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CITIZEN VACANCY

Comm. D. Taylor moved that we defer posting the citizen vacancy until after the new Commission is formed and the new Commission can determine how they want to move forward, seconded by Comm. K. Francis.

Comm. J. MacLellan made the comment that when the Ad is posted, it would be a good idea to post the Ad on the Minor Hockey Association's website to reach some people who are involved with the Rink and involved with hockey. Town Clerk. J. Eaton suggested posting it in the Rink as well. **Motion Carried**

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK