

MEETING

The regular meeting of the Stellarton Memorial Rink Commission was held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Chair Mayor J. Gennoe, Comms. J. MacLellan, D. Taylor, K. Francis, and D. Davidson. Also present Town Clerk J. Eaton, Accountant B. MacKay, Recreation Director P. Corbin and Town Engineer B. Funke.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion by Comm. J. MacLellan, and seconded by Comm. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

Comm. J. MacLellan made motion to approve the October 26 and November 30, 2015 minutes, seconded by Comm. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER – UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

Town Engineer B. Funke presented the Stellarton Memorial Rink Engineer's Report highlighting:

- Brine leak under concrete floor of rink
- Compressor seal leak
- Inspection; very clean; no litter; regular safety inspections; outside work, ice falling from roof concerns

Questions/comments:

Mayor J. Gennoe commented on the condition of (2) compressors. Town Engineer B. Funke replied that both are older; beneficial to have a newer one; long term considerations.

Comm. D. Davidson asked about the cost of a new compressor. B. Funke stated that a new one is approximately \$28,500 plus tax installed; used equipment is another option; seals are \$2,000 each. Comm. D. Davidson re Town investing in the rink and purchasing new compressors; other towns have done upgrades.

Comm. D. Taylor inquired about the price of brine, as well as the effects of warmer temperatures on the compressor; she feels waiting until end of the season to reevaluate all repair costs and compare with usage. Town Engineer B. Funke feels that the compressor situation will suffice for the weather conditions; he reported that brine is purchased by the pallet at a cost of about \$1,600; the rink went through 3 pallets to date. B. Funke talked about leak detection and what has to be done to find the leak and fixing it.

Comm. J. MacLellan re getting the word out to other rinks that Stellarton is looking for a good used compressor.

Discussion commenced regarding new compressors.

Comm. K. Francis asked Town Engineer about a list of everything that needs to be done at the rink; new equipment, costs, etc.

Comm D. Davidson motioned to accept the Engineer's Report for the Stellarton Memorial Rink, seconded by Comm. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

RECREATION DIRECTOR: UPDATE ON ICE RENTALS AND SCHEDULING

Recreation Director P. Corbin updated Commission on Ice Rentals and Scheduling, highlighting:

- No major changes in Scheduling; a couple new corporate bookings; times on Sundays are still available

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- User groups finish season earlier this year, because of Easter holiday at end of March
- Possible Goalie Clinic for Sunday

Questions / Comments:

Comm. D. Davidson re advertising in the paper for prime time ice. P. Corbin reported that cost of advertising negates revenue from ice rental; meeting planned with Wellness Centre and other arenas to review rates and schedules.

Comm. D Taylor referred to changes to the minor hockey associations because of declining numbers; and asked how this may affect our rink. Recreation Director P. Corbin unable to predict what may happen; provided some information about the number of minor hockey associations within the County; amalgamation of the minor hockey groups may occur. P. Corbin went on to say that this shouldn't have much of an effect on our Rink.

Coun. K. Francis re increasing the number of users of the rink; what discussions are taking place. P. Corbin replied that Rink Managers have yet to meet this year, but topics to be discussed include equipment sharing, scheduling and collaborating on operations.

Comm. D. Taylor comments re declining population, less people skating; other recreational activities/facilities available.

Comm. D. Taylor made motion to receive the Recreation Director's report on ice rentals and scheduling up to January 25, 2016, seconded by Comm. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

BRENDA MACKAY - FINANCIAL UPDATE

Brenda MacKay provided financial documents for Commission, year to date December. Revenue = \$190,000; Expenditures = \$223,000; deficit of \$32,000 (as compared to \$56,000 same time last year).

B. MacKay explained financial report as presented; revenues from ice rentals and Bingo; budget comparisons year over year; revenue is up \$19,000 and costs are down \$4,500.

Questions/Comments:

Comm. K. Francis re Bingo revenue; financial information, any areas for savings. B. MacKay replied that rinks are not money-makers overall; they're recreational, to provide a service, rather than to make money.

NEXT MEETING

Commission agreed to meet March 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK