

CORPORATE REPORT

To: CAO for the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission Date: 2019-01-22

From: Jody Castle, Manager of Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services

Subject: 2019 Ice Installation Date

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the ice be prepared for use on August 12, 2019 to accommodate a youth hockey camp with Hockey Ministries International.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

BACKGROUND

Each year, ice is removed from the surface of the arena floor during the spring and summer season. The final ice booking in 2019 is confirmed by the Lower Mainland Monarchs for April 12-14, 2019. After this, the ice will be removed and is tentatively scheduled to be installed before the Dan Sharrers Aquatic maintenance period from August 6-17, 2019. Staff anticipate hosting a Chilliwack Chiefs exhibition game in the final week of August, and Hope Minor Hockey to begin using the ice the first week of September. The ice must be installed prior to the shutdown period in order to prioritize staff time on both installation of the ice and maintenance in the pool. Ice revenues in the last two weeks of August are limited, however, having the ice installed two weeks before heavy use allows for a better playing surface throughout the fall and winter season.

Hockey Ministries International, a non-profit Christian organization, has requested to host a hockey school at the Hope Arena from August 12-16, 2019. On ice staff include former or current NHL players, and up to 60 youth from the age of 9-17 are expected to attend. The group has secured Camp Hope for the overnight camp.

DISCUSSION

The ice is installed in the middle of August to have the ice prepared for the first week of September. Requests for ice use are limited in August. The request from Hockey Ministries International would result in the ice being installed 7 days earlier than scheduled.

The hockey camp would be advertised throughout the local community and local players would be encouraged to attend. The total revenue for the camp is expected to be approximately \$2,960.

COST

Energy Cost: approximately \$300

Potential revenue: \$2,960

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported