



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

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Memorandum to Council

Subject:	Arena Discussion
Agenda Date:	February 11, 2021
Attachments:	Service Delivery Review – Recreation; Service Delivery Appendix C

RECOMMENDATION

Council's opportunity to discuss the future use of the arena. We have blank resolution forms as the need arises should Council want different studies and/or public input as this is being discussed.

INFORMATION

Part of the Service Delivery Review was a recommendation to develop a Recreation Strategy Plan. While we have a Community Recreation Committee (not fully active due to COVID) that could review, assess, and make recommendations to Council on what our Recreational picture could look like, a key item in this is the future of the arena. For Council's benefit, the portion of the Service Delivery Review dealing with this area, as well as the summary of community surveys, have been attached to this report to form a foundation for discussion and debate.

The information provided with the Service Delivery Review included an overview of our demographics. While there is a new census being conducted in 2021, this information is not typically available until the following year. What is known presently is that our youth population appears to be trending up. If you consider that we have about 20 kids in the school and compare that with 54 kids that signed up for virtual breakfast with Santa, support is given to this trend.

With an economic develop plan, assisted by increased internet capabilities, designed to attract those who can work remotely and are wanting to move to a more rural area (especially those with young families), this trend could be magnified to the point where we have more than public skating and hockey at the arena.

There are other, low impact, activities that could turn the arena into a 12 month a year recreation facility that would host indoor soccer, pickle ball, exercise classes, Zumba etc. What is important is that user fees be charged rather than donated. While have not had a great deal of rentals once Council adopted the donation policy, future donations in kind will also be tracked by recording the revenue and the corresponding donation rather than recording nothing.

Our consultants have provided three options and their recommended choice.

Council could also ask for a more pointed survey to be completed and sent to the community for their input. This should be done after discussion on what further information Council would like to have when making this decision.

Respectfully Submitted:
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