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**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

**From:** Sue Warrington, Arena Division Manager

**Meeting Date:** October 22, 2015

**Subject:** Report APRAC15-034  
Arena Division Ice Allocation Policy Update

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## **Purpose**

A report to provide an update on the creation of an Ice Allocation Policy for Arena Division and ice allocation changes implemented for the 2015/16 Fall/Winter Season.

## **Recommendation**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC15-034, dated October 22, 2015, of the Arena Division Manager, as follows:

That Report APRAC15-034 be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There is no budget or financial implications resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC15-034.

## Background

The Arena Needs Assessment Study by Robert Lockhart of Rethink Group presented to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on January 21, 2014 and was adopted as a planning tool by City Council as outlined in Report CSAD14-001 dated January 27, 2014. This Study was undertaken in 2013 with the objective of assessing the use and functionality of existing facilities and determining the current and future need for arena facilities.

One of the recommendations coming out of the Arena Needs Assessment Study included establishing a formal Ice and Floor Allocation Policy. This policy will establish criteria for allocation of ice time based on a number of factors to ensure fair and equitable scheduling and optimizing facility utilization.

To assist with the development of a policy for Peterborough, research material obtained from Ice Allocation Policies of twenty-five municipalities is being used. Access for youth and equity are consistently identified as priorities when scheduling prime time ice. Additional considerations and local community values will be examined through the policy development process. The goal is to develop a transparent policy that establishes an order of priority which is reflective of our community needs and values.

For the 2015/16 Fall/Winter Season, scheduling changes were made resulting in 15 hours of prime time ice being reallocated from men's leagues to minor hockey, addressing the growing demand for youth ice sports. Staff also consolidated and coordinated the hours of prime time ice allocated to minor hockey organizations during prime time, resulting in better coordinated time blocks in specific arenas. This method replaces the previous practice of "grandfathering" and "first right of refusal" that resulted in creating inequities in ice allocation by not addressing the demands that have grown over the past 18 years, the last time additional ice surfaces were added.

Staff will be consulting with ice User Groups in a session to be held on November 16, 2015. The intent of this session will be to gather input from our regular users regarding the details to be included in this policy. These details include defining clients, organizations and programs, priority for prime time ice and how groups would qualify, the formula to calculate the number of hours per week allocated to groups based on the varying requirements of each category of user group and their registration numbers each year.

In the coming weeks, the draft Ice Allocation Policy will be discussed at the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Group level, presenting an opportunity for further discussion and review before ultimately being presented to City Council for final approval.

Submitted by,

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