



Arena User Group Meeting and Recommendations

Due to dissatisfaction by user groups with the system of arena ice allocation instituted in 2015-16 by the City of Peterborough, Sport Kawartha (SK) was approached to assist with moving to a more satisfactory solution for 2016-17. Principally, this 2015 change was caused by a decision to offer prime time hours to Minor Hockey.

To bring background and improved solutions to the process in the future, SK sent out invitations to user groups. A meeting was held Thursday evening, April 21 at the Kinsmen room of the Kinsmen Centre. This report summarizes the findings from that gathering.

Sport Kawartha is the local sport council. Their mission includes the enhancement of sport participation in Peterborough. (Visit our website at www.sportkawartha.ca) The City encouraged a sport council to be formed and as a consequence a number of community volunteers banded together to form one in 2010.

At the Arena User Group meeting, eight organizations representing about 640 participants attended. Their leadership are community volunteers.

Points and Issues Emerging:

- ☐ All leagues lost players as start times went to 11:00 PM and later
- ☐ Several leagues had to move to the County.
- ☐ Some leagues or teams will fold if changes are not made.
- ☐ Even though all prime time is sold, considerable ice time went unused. It was estimated that in the Fall 10%, and Winter 20% of paid time went empty.
- ☐ No longer able to get ice time to host tournaments. Revenue from displaced tournaments has moved to other cities. Recall that with the study completed by Sport Kawartha on the 2014 Atom Liftlock Tournament, each team represented on average a revenue of \$10,000.
- ☐ With lesser numbers playing or being forced to play in the County, equipment and hospitality spending has been reduced locally.
- ☐ History should count. The Old Timers hockey movement, now an international one, has its roots in Peterborough
- ☐ Some leagues have been going since the 1970's
- ☐ Men's leagues consistently use the same ice time every week for 7 months, whereas minor hockey has variation

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- ☐ Midget and Juvenile house league hockey went to 90 minute games when ice time is scarce. Why? This could be reduced to 60 minutes, as it was previously.
- ☐ Consideration needs to be given to health benefits of adult recreation hockey including limiting health costs to the community
- ☐ Compared with the standard for minor hockey, there were opinions that excess hours were being allocated.
- ☐ No one wants to take ice time away from boys or girls minor hockey.

Recommendations:

- ☐ Set policy that Rep teams get ice for league play plus 2 hours per week practice.
 - If they want more hours they go to the County.
- ☐ Change Prime time to end at 9:00 and 9:30 on twin pads.
- ☐ Have a meeting with all user groups.
- ☐ Where competition for the same time exist encourage groups to meet and attempt to find a solution including the sharing/alternating of the time
- ☐ Allow all unused ice time to be returned on 2 weeks' notice.
 - Develop a simple procedure to allow teams to re-sell their unused ice as long as appropriate rates are used.
 - If it can be resold there is no cost to the original user.
- ☐ Consider kids practice time before school in the morning.

It is hoped that the City will implement these arena user changes for 2016-17 so that a more equitable and acceptable outcome will emerge to the benefit of the community.

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APPENDICES

Appendix I: In attendance:

Representing User Groups

Figure Skating: Lynn Raycroft Little
Figure Skating: Valerie Kent
911 Hockey: Mark Hubble
Currie Tire Hockey (established in 1988): Pat Finnegan
Hot Points (established over 40 years ago): Ken Barrick
Ice Time: Joe Hawley
Kawartha Komets: Carol Fisher
Steenburgh's: Frank Bencze
Head of referees: Gary Baldwin

Directors from Sport Kawartha

Tim Barrie
David Fisher
Justin Ledoux
Bill O'Byrne (who chaired the meeting)

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Appendix II: Combined Questionnaire and Summary Data of the User Group

Introductory Comments

We are inviting you on behalf of the Peterborough Sport Council, Sport Kawartha to complete this questionnaire. We are surveying local user groups. We are particularly interested to understand your views on priorities for arena use and how to allocate a facility when more than one group requests that time period. Such issues are a common challenge for our community to resolve.
Thank you.

Rationales for Facility Allocation: A Study

User Group You Represent _____

Your Name _____
21/2016

Date - April

(Summary Rank in bold located to the right of that item)

I. Decision Makers

1. In your user group, who makes the decision when to play?

- a) One **2 groups**
- b) More than one. **1 group**
- c) Other - explain

II. Facility Booking

2. Rank your top 5 preferred ways to book arena time (1 is most preferred, 5 least)

- a) On the internet **2**
- b) By phone **4**
- d) By mail **5**
- e) On location on a fixed registration date **3**
- f) In person **1**
- g) Other (explain)

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2. How often has your request for a time period been declined? (circle one)
- a) Never -> **1 group**
 - b) Rarely -> **1 group**
 - c) Infrequently -> **2 groups**
 - d) Frequently -> **3 groups**
- 4 If you answered yes to any of 3b to 3d what times were you requesting?
- a) Prime Time -> **5 groups**
 - b) Weekends -> **1 group**
 - c) Holidays, special community event date (Indicate)
 - d) Non-Prime Time
 - e) Other (explain)
- 5 When there is demand for the same time, how would you recommend the allocation be made? (Rank from **1** most preferred to **6** least preferred)
- a) Invite competing user groups to meet led by independent third party **2**
 - b) invite competing user groups to meet & solve problem themselves **1**
 - c) Numbers of players **4**
 - d) Years of history using that time **3**
 - e) City staff make the decision **5**
 - f) Other (explain)

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6. There are a number of reasons that groups are granted access time including: (Rank the top 5. 1 is most important, 5 least important)
- a) having used that time in previous years 1
 - b) being first to apply for the time
 - c) special event
 - d) a new group is commencing
 - e) those seeking similar times have jointly agreed to the allocation decisions 1
 - f) connections
 - g) minor hockey 1
 - h) seniors hockey
 - i) adult hockey
 - k) special need 1
 - l) figure skating
 - m) activity numbers 5
 - n) other? (please explain)

THANK YOU

On behalf of Sport Kawartha
<http://www.sportkawartha.ca>

(When completed, we will share the results with you on our website.)

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