

TO: Members of Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Sue Warrington, Arena Division Manager

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Report APRAC13-031

Northcrest Arena Update

PURPOSE

A report to provide an update on the sand floor installation as a solution to the failed ice pad at Northcrest Arena.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC13-031, dated September 17, 2013, of the Arena Division Manager, as follows:

That the report be received for information purposes

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implications resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC13-031.

BACKGROUND

Through Report CSAD13-001 dated June 24, 2013, City Council approved the project to install a sand floor solution to extend the ability to provide an ice pad at Northcrest Arena. The solution allows the ice surface at Northcrest Arena to be used for approximately 3 to 5 additional winter seasons until a new replacement arena is constructed and operational. It is estimated that ongoing maintenance expenses would not exceed \$10,000 annually during this time period.

The sand floor installation project is on schedule and projected to be ready for the September 28 reopening of Northcrest Arena. The project began in July and is a very labour-intensive process. The process includes the contractor levelling the existing floor slab that was heaved in several areas and running new brine lines assembled on top of the floor that connect into the existing header pipe at the north end of the facility. Sand is manually carted in and levelled then saturated with water and frozen into place creating the new floor to begin the ice-making process. The rink boards that were 48" in height will now be approximately 44", well within the current acceptable standard of between 40" to 48".

The September 28 reopening date is three weeks later than our usual annual reopening of Northcrest Arena but we are able to accommodate the majority of the ice rental requests within the other arenas, resulting in minimal disruption.

Submitted by,

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