



Arena Committee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Minto Council Chambers

Attendance

Mayor Kevin Nicklin
Councillor Shawn Patterson
Brian Robinson
John Doherty
Courtney Jordan
Ryan Thurrott
Mathew Richardson

Junior Parker sent his regrets.

Councillor Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:05.

Councillor Patterson gave the following updates:

- Renovations on Chipman Arena will start tomorrow, January 10. The following changes will be taking place:
 - The old heated section by the bleachers we get a facelift and will become the heated section once again.
 - The ticked booth will be reconfigured to be the arena office.
 - Dressing room 3 will have a door installed and it will become the official girls dressing room.
 - There is a meeting with CRSC on Monday, January 15, 2024, concerning the ventilation issue at the Chipman Arena.
 - Councillor Patterson advised that there is insulation in the roof of the arena. When they built the new piece on they took out the 2 fans and they built boxes where the fans used to be.
- The following updated will be taking place at the Minto Arena:
 - New netting has been ordered and the old netting will be removed and installed along the back wall to protect the clock and the new back wall.
 - Deep fryers have been purchased for the canteen as the equipment is the Municipalities responsibility unless there was equipment abuse which there was not. The deep fryers that are there currently are old and parts can no longer be purchased for them.
 - Both arenas will need to deal with installing cooling towers over the next 3 years at a cost of \$24,000 per arena
- The goal is to try to mirror both arenas and provide services at both.
- Revenue is up at both arenas – we have doubled our usage.

- The Sturgeons are going to try to have a game at the Chipman Arena before the end of the season.

Mayor Nicklin advised that the Municipality submitted an unbalanced budget, and the province accepted it. The previous mayor of Chipman signed an agreement with Irving for the community center. The deal with JDI for the community Center is done and JDI is sour about it. JDI will not kick in any funds into our arena. They are redirecting their efforts into housing. Council will need to rescind the motion on the community center.

Councillor Patterson advised that going forward the committee needs to come up with ways to generate revenue year-round. The committee needs to come up with fund raising ideas to raise \$50,000 this year for both arenas. Instead of being divisive we need to work together and bring the municipality together. No idea is too big or small. Time frame we are looking at to make this money is April – October. Committee members are to have their ideas to Councillor Patterson by the end of the month. This group can't do all the fundraising alone so think of organizations that may be willing to work with us.

Some ideas discussed:

- Ribfest
- Atv Poker run from one arena to the other. Have an event at the end.
- Monster BINGO
- Poker Tournament
- Talent Contest / Battle of the Bands
- Car Show
- Fair

Ryan Thurrott discussed the Minto Arena parking situation. He will draw up a plan for clearing and area to create more parking.

He also Mentioned Fredericton Sports Investment – John Jardine. If we send in a letter they may be able to help out if there is something specific we are looking for.

Both arenas need some TLC. It was discussed about having a community paint and clean-up day for both arenas in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20