

Arena Committee Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2023

Minto Council Chambers

Attendance

Mayor Kevin Nicklin Mathew Richardson John Doherty Junior Parker Brian Robinson Courtney Jordan

Darin Clarke sent his regrets.

Mayor Nicklin called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Mayor Nicklin explained what he was looking for from those involved with this committee. He reviewed the budget we are working with.

If we removed all outside groups from renting our arenas, one arena would facilitate all our needs.

The multicultural center that is being looked at for Main Street, Chipman would be funded mainly by Irving. They would pay the municipalities portion. If Irving builds this facility and turns it over to the Municipality, we would not be able to maintain both facilities. Mayor Nicklin will get the interior view of new building for the next building.

The budget will change next year, and this committee needs to look at ways to increase use of both arenas year-round.

If it is decided that one arena needs to close, it will go to a plebiscite as council will not make that decision again.

The committee looked at ice-time usage in both the Minto and Chipman arenas. When renovations were done at the Chipman arena, they were not done correctly and there is not proper airflow.

How do we get more involvement in the arenas. We need to look at changing the usage.

Committee members are to make recommendations on the arenas and ways to generate more usage and send their ideas to the clerk.

Any arena questions are to be sent to the clerk. Those questions will be sent out to committee members prior to the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held mid November in Chipman Council Chambers. Meetings will be held once a month and alternate between locations.