



CITY OF KINGSTON
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No.: 10-109

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth Group
RESOURCE STAFF: Lanie Hurdle, Director, Recreation and Leisure Services
DATE OF MEETING: 2010-03-23
SUBJECT: Church Athletic League Home Ice Negotiations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In February 2010, the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee (ARCP) and Council considered a recommendation report from staff to decommission the Harold Harvey Arena and relocate its current main tenant, the Church Athletic League (CAL), to another City owned arena. At the February 17th meeting, Council decided that Harold Harvey would continue to operate as an arena unless staff was able to negotiate a new home option with the CAL by February 28th, 2010.

Staff developed options for home ice at Memorial Centre which were provided to the CAL for review and discussion by February 19th, 2010. The Board of Directors of the CAL discussed the new options provided by City staff and issued a notice on February 24th that the CAL wishes to negotiate details with the City to make the Kingston Memorial Centre its new home. Following the March 2nd Council meeting, the CAL clarified that although it is interested in negotiating a relocation of its home ice to the Memorial Centre after the 2010-2011 season, it is currently not committed to do so and hopes to be able to reach a final agreement with the City by March 2011.

Should the 2010-2011 hockey season be the last CAL season at Harold Harvey, the CAL would like to hold various community events to celebrate its 60th anniversary. As stated in the previous Council report, staff would work with the CAL to plan this celebration.

The two options that staff has developed with Memorial Centre as a home ice for the CAL also include some hours for Queen's University. The proposed schedules would not impact the CAL's current programming. All weekly hours used by Queen's University will be met at Memorial Centre and other City facilities. This will also allow the City to maximize the use of all its arenas. Staff will not be finalizing the agreement with Queen's University until a final decision on the location of the CAL has been made. It should also be noted that the existing tournament model will not be impacted by the relocation of the CAL's home ice to the Memorial Centre.

According to the Council motion approved on February 17th, Harold Harvey is to continue to operate as an arena unless the CAL wishes to relocate its home ice to another arena. Currently, without a firm commitment from the CAL to relocate its home ice to the Memorial Centre, staff is not in a position to discuss potential plans with the Domino Theatre that would allow for the organization to relocate to the Harold Harvey Arena in 2011. Potential alternative arrangements had been discussed with the Domino Theatre which would have allowed the organization to be able to push its relocation to September 2011 in Harold Harvey. Due to the fact that the Domino Theatre needs to start planning its relocation, it has continued to work with staff to finalize the lease agreement at Cook Brothers Arena.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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- 1) **THAT** Council relocate the Church Athletic League's home ice to the Memorial Centre at the end of the 2010- 2011 hockey season, and

 - 2) **THAT** Council direct staff to work with the Church Athletic League to implement upgrades and repairs at the Memorial Centre, to an upset limit of \$100,000, to accommodate the needs of the Church Athletic League relocation of home ice at the end of the 2010-2011 hockey season, and

 - 3) **THAT** Council direct staff to initiate plans to relocate the Domino Theatre to the Harold Harvey arena in 2011 with a proposed opening of September 2011.

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- B**
- 1) **THAT** Council direct staff to continue discussions and negotiations with the Church Athletic League in 2010 and 2011 in order to attempt to finalize an agreement by March 2011 for home ice relocation at the Memorial Centre, and

 - 2) **THAT**, as per the February 17th 2010 council motion, staff to add \$2,000,000 to the 10 year capital budget to convert the Harold Harvey direct ammonia system should staff and that Church Athletic League not be able to reach an agreement for relocation of home ice to the Memorial Centre by March 2011.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

Terry Willing, <i>Community Development Services</i>	N/R
Denis Leger, <i>Corporate Services</i>	√
Jim Keech, President & CEO, <i>Utilities Kingston</i>	N/R

(N/R indicates consultation not required)

OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

City staff will review details of home ice relocation of the Church Athletic League (CAL) from Harold Harvey Arena to the Kingston Memorial Centre in 2011. This relocation of home ice is as a result of the CAL Board of Directors advising City staff that they are interested in making the Kingston Memorial Centre their home ice.

Staff has been able to meet all initial needs identified by the CAL which were: office space, storage space, access to a meeting room, ample parking and display area at no cost as well as a central location with transit access. The CAL has, since the March 2nd Council meeting, identified a few additional points of discussion, which are identified below and which staff has in most part already addressed:

1. Current programming will be maintained and not impacted by hours being rented by Queen's University – Staff has provided two (2) schedules that maintain the CAL programming at Memorial Centre with some hours for Queen's University which will also be accommodated in other City facilities.
2. Impact of special events on CAL programs – Staff has confirmed that the only major special event planned to take place at the Memorial Centre is the RBC Cup which would occur in May, after the hockey season. Staff is reviewing the schedule to ensure that programs can be accommodated with the fall fair occurring on the Memorial Centre site.
3. Appropriate female change rooms for the CAL – Staff have reviewed options and have confirmed that CAL will have access to appropriate female change rooms for their players.
4. Warm viewing area for parents – Staff has confirmed that there is a warm viewing area for parents and children.
5. Security cameras at Memorial Centre to ensure safety of members – Staff has confirmed that there are security cameras at the Memorial Centre.
6. Reduce the number of seats made available so that parents gather in the same area - Staff has identified a few ways that some seats could be closed off during CAL use of the Memorial Centre.
7. Provide all players seating on one side of the rink – Staff is looking into options to accommodate this request.

A tour of the Memorial Centre is planned for March 23rd with board members of the CAL.

Due to the fact that a relocation of home ice will not occur until 2011, the 2011 operational budget will have to include costs of at least \$200,000 to operate Harold Harvey Arena until the end of CAL 2010-2011 season.

A request has been made by Queen's University to consider a three year agreement for ice use at the Memorial Centre. Staff will not be finalizing the agreement with Queen's University until a final decision on the location of the CAL has been made.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

N/A

NOTICE PROVISIONS:

N/A

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

See comments in the report.

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

N/A