

REPORT

TO: Community Services Executive Committee

FROM: Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

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RE: **Fort Frances High School Hockey Academy**

Background

It has been previously reported to the Community Services Executive that the Fort Frances High School was endeavouring to commence a new program at the Memorial Sports Centre in the fall of 2017 for grade 7 & 8 students attending the high school, that being Hockey Academy.

For the 2017-18 season it will include ice rental from 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday on both ice surfaces (Ice For Kids & '52 Canadians) from October 3, 2017 to March 8, 2018 (user fee rate \$67.65/hr x 2 rinks).


Through discussions in preparation for the imminent new program it became important logistically to be able to store the student hockey equipment at the arena to run a successful program with minimal disturbance to families. It was necessary to arrange for equipment access and transportation when student hockey equipment was not being used for the program itself. After contemplating various options, placing lockers in the IFK dressing room hallway that is sufficiently wide enough to accommodate the depth of lockers without being an impediment to egress from the building for evacuation considerations seemed to be the best choice.

The cost of 30 lockers for the registered hockey academy participants was quoted at \$13,000 + tax. The Rainy River District School Board (RRDSB) has proposed to bear the cost of purchasing & installing the lockers to forego the need to charge families to use them for the program (if the MSC were to consider furnishing them). RRDSB also proposed that the MSC is free to use the lockers for facility purposes when Hockey Academy is not in session.

Recommendation

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor and Council to endorse the arrangement with the Fort Frances High School Hockey Academy to operate at Memorial Sports Centre.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Kabel