

October 19, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

RE: Walking Track in the 52 Canadians Arena

The public has used the 52 Canadians Arena as an area to walk and exercise for many years. The walking track since re-opening the Memorial Sports Centre on August 5, 2020 has not been available as our building remained closed to the public.

There are many requirements and implications to opening the walking track, so it has not been opened to this point. Staff and administration have been busy looking at the flow of the building and customers through it in order to best facilitate a safe return to use for the 52 Canadians walking track.

It is proposed that an appointment based system be set up in order to facilitate a time to screen the individuals through the screening process currently in place at the Memorial Sports Centre. Once inside the users will proceed to the western most stairs by the 52 Canadians exterior entrance and up the stairs on to the walking track. The users will be asked to all walk in a counter clockwise direction and adhere to physical distancing requirements. Once they are finished their exercise they will exit the facility down the southeastern most stairs and then out the main doors of the Memorial Sports Centre. The walking track if approved would be available for use starting Tuesday October 27, 2020.

Masks in the facility are mandatory and must be worn until on the walking track at which point the user can remove the mask. When the user has finished their exercise and is leaving the walking track area they must put their mask back on to exit the facility.

In order to remain consistent among users of the facility it is proposed that the \$7 a month COVID user fee be charged to those using the facility.

Recommendation

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor and Council to endorse the return to use of the 52 Canadians walking track and to charge the \$7 per month COVID user fee for users of the walking track.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Bisson
Manager of Recreation and Culture

<p>Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to endorse the use of the walking track and the \$7 per month fee per user.</p>
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