

# TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

## Community Services Executive Committee

AGENDA - October 19, 2020 10:30 AM

MEETING - Committee Room & Virtual

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. #28

October 5, 2020

The meeting of Community Services Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room & Virtually on October 5, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. to 10:57 a.m.

PRESENT: Andrew Hallikas - Chairman, Michael Behan - Councillor, Rick Wiedenhoeft - Councillor, Mayor June Caul (ex-officio), Aaron Bisson, Recreational and Culture Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Doug Brown - CAO, Melissa Belluz - Administrative Assistant,

**1 CALL TO ORDER (Session #28) - 10:30**

**2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Call for Non-Agenda Items) - Approved as Presented**

**3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - None**

**4 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

4.1 September 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes - Approved as Presented

**5 ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

5.1 Letter Regarding Naming Rights - Amended to Recommend Received with Thanks

5.2 Letter from FFMHA - Received with Thanks

5.3 Letter from FFGWHA - Received with Thanks

**6 NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Walking track in the 52 Canadians Arena - Report to be brought forward to Oct 19, 2020 CSEC meeting

6.2 Outdoor Ice Rinks - Support for Outdoor rinks provided to O&F

**7 IN-CAMERA - None**

**8 NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**9 INFORMATION - None**

**10 ADJOURNMENT - 10:57**

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A. Hallikas, Executive Committee Chair



October 19, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

**RE: Walking Track in the 52 Canadians Arena**

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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 Monday October 26, 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*

Aaron Bisson  
Manager of Recreation and Culture

<p><b>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.</b></p>
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October 19, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

**RE: Spectators in the Arenas**

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Two weeks have passed since the beginning of the Ice in season at the Memorial Sports Centre. The first week we had the 52 Canadians Arena operating and for the second week the Ice for Kids Arena was brought online. There have been many changes in how ice users interact with the facility and the requirements the staff must adhere to this year compared to years past. With these new rules and procedures there have been growing pains associated with the operating of the facilities. The Memorial Sports Centre Staff and Administration are working with the user groups to continue to get buy-in from participants. It is of utmost importance that the intake/departure process operates as designed before allowing several spectators into the building which will significantly increase the workload on the screeners.

There have been a couple of changes to rules to help alleviate some congestion in the building and make the experience easier on the users. The Memorial Sports Centre now has a separate entrance for each ice rink to eliminate some of the congestion in the intake areas and allow more time for cleaning intake areas before the next group arrives. The no bag rule has been modified to allow for a small duffle bag to be brought in to store personal items such as participants masks, gloves, personal affects, hats, etc. Hockey bags however are still prohibited and participants are still required to be dressed when entering the facility and are only able to put on their skates/helmets/gloves once in the facility, all other equipment must be worn coming into the facility.

To allow for a successful start to the U9 & U7 season and to allow the facility to fully determine the impact of allowing an additional 20-30 people into the facility per ice surface, it is proposed that the user groups be allowed to have one parent/guardian per U9 or U7 player attend the facility and stay through the duration of the practice/game in the seating areas.

In the Ice for Kids arena parents will be asked to access the stands areas via the staircase at the East Ice for Kids Entrance door. Sections C,D,E&F will be the designated areas to be used with all other sections of the arena roped off. Two of the first three rows will be used for seating to allow for social distancing and users will practice physical distancing. Once the practice/game has ended the parents will exit out the main entrance/exit of the IFK arena and then proceed out the front doors as before.

In the 52 Canadians arena parents will be asked to access the stands via the west stairs by the 52 ice users' entrance. The yellow seats will be the designated seats for users with all other seating being roped off and users will practice physical distancing. Once the practice/game has ended the parents will exit out the southeast exit of the 52 Canadians arena and then proceed out the front doors as before.

October 19, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

**RE: Spectators in the Arenas**

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### **Recommendation**

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor and Council to allow one spectator per child for the U7 & U9 age groups to allow for more data to be collected and a higher rate of compliance with facility rules before allowing parents/spectators for all levels of users. The change to the Ice in Plan and Participation Requirements to allow spectators for the U9 & U7 age groups would take effect on Monday October 26, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aaron Bisson*

Aaron Bisson  
Manager of Recreation and Culture

<p><b>Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to allow one spectator per child for the U7 &amp; U9 age groups to allow for more data to be collected and a higher rate of compliance with facility rules before allowing parents/spectators for all levels of users beginning Monday October 26, 2020.</b></p>
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