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TO: Chair and Members
Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission

Supported by Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Russell Dyson
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RE: Glacier Kings Dressing Room Building Proposal

Purpose

To update the Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission about the discussions with the Comox Valley Glacier Kings Junior B Hockey Club (Glacier Kings) owners regarding the construction of a team dressing room at the Comox Valley Sports Centre (CVSC) site.

Recommendations from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. THAT the Board enter into an agreement with the Comox Valley Glacier Kings Junior B Hockey Club for the construction and operation of a dressing room at the Comox Valley Sports Centre site.
2. THAT the 2018 – 2022 financial plan be amended to increase Other Professional Fees by \$25,000 as a contribution towards the construction of a dressing room by the Comox Valley Glacier Kings Junior B Hockey Club to be funded by a transfer from the Kraft Hockeyville funds held in the capital works reserve.

Executive Summary

Over the past several years the Glacier Kings have looked at providing its' players with a dressing room that would be for the exclusive use of the team during the hockey season. This will be an excellent facility for the hockey club and is seen as a recruitment tool. Having a team dressing room, painted in club colors with the logo throughout their space, will add to the team atmosphere, be a source of pride for the players and show the team's commitment to the facility and community. With the Glacier Kings having their own dressing room there will tend to be more flexibility when scheduling dressing rooms, which results in better customer service.

- Seeking permission to construct a dressing room on the north east corner of Arena #1 at the CVSC site.
- Seeking permission to access Kraft Hockeyville funding of \$25,000.
- Conditions to be outlined in a detailed agreement.

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Background/Current Situation

The Glacier Kings are a member of the VIJHL. The locally owned and operated club is in their 26th year of play. In 1990, they approached the Commission to allow them to construct a club dressing room. The Commission gave them permission to discuss the matter with staff. The idea was brought forward in 2009 and again in 2013. On all of these occasions, the project did not proceed.

In September 2016, the CVRD Board approved entering into an agreement with the Comox Valley Glacier Kings for the placement and operation of an equipment storage trailer at the Comox Valley Sports Centre site. This project also did not proceed.

In April 2018 the request for a dressing room built by the Glacier Kings for the exclusive use of their Junior B team has come forward by the Glacier Kings again with an additional request that the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) support the project by applying the Kraft Hockeyville funds of \$25,000 towards the dressing room initiative.

The Glacier Kings submitted the CVSC facility nomination to Kraft Hockeyville. Residents then had the opportunity to vote online, and the Comox Valley was the only BC community to make it to the shortlist, before moving to a final round of voting where the Comox Valley earned one of the runner-up prizes, of \$25,000 in 2017. Using the Kraft Hockeyville funds towards the Glacier Kings dressing room supports the regulations set by Kraft Hockeyville as being an upgrade listed in the application.

With permission to move forward with this project, the agreement will allow for the Glacier Kings to build, operate and maintain a dressing room at the CVSC site, located in the north east corner of Arena #1 as indicated on Appendix A. The dressing room will provide the club with a dressing room, showers, storage, laundry facilities, training area and coach's room.

This will be an excellent facility for the Glacier Kings to have. Having a team dressing room, painted in club colors with the logo throughout their space, will add to the team atmosphere and be a source of pride for the players. As indicated by the Glacier Kings ownership a team dressing room is common throughout the league.

A detailed agreement will be required outlining the terms and conditions upon board approval.

Policy Analysis

In April of 2002, Bylaw No. 2410, being the “Bylaw to Establish the Comox Valley Recreation Complexes Service” was adopted to establish a service for the purpose of constructing, equipping, enlarging, operating and maintaining ice arena-swimming pool complexes and to contribute towards the cost of existing community use facilities and structures in the service area.

This addition to the CVRD site would be at the cost of the Glacier Kings organization who are requesting a contribution of \$25,000 from the Kraft Hockeyville funds received by the CVRD. It is estimated at this time the total project costs would be \$125,000.

Options

The Board has the following options with respect to the request:

1. To enter into an agreement with the Glacier Kings for the construction and exclusive usage of a storage and dressing room at the Comox Valley Sports Centre.
2. To not approve entering into a construction and usage agreement with the Glacier Kings.

Staff are recommending option 1.

Financial Factors

All costs for the construction of the building, including permits and hook-up fees will be the responsibility of the Glacier Kings. The Glacier Kings will be responsible for all costs of maintaining the facility they construct.

In the spring of 2017 the CVSC was one of the Kraft Hockeyville finalists to receive \$25,000 for arena upgrades which was recorded as other revenue.

An amendment to the 2018 – 2022 financial plan for function 645 will be required to allocate the \$25,000 to the Glacier Kings for construction of the dressing room to be funded by capital works reserves.

Legal Factors

The CVSC is a public facility, and as such, exclusive use of a portion of that facility may come under scrutiny. Therefore, it is important to communicate that the Glacier Kings are constructing the dressing room for its use during the Junior B hockey season.

Intergovernmental Factors

The CVSC is within the City of Courtenay and a building permit will be required. All approvals, permits, licenses and connection fees necessary for the project will be the responsibility of Glacier Kings as well as associated property taxes. These conditions will be outlined in the future agreement.

The CVRD leases the property on which the Sports Centre is located from School District No. 71 (SD71), the land owner. Prior to any expansion CVRD staff discuss the project with the land owner to get their approval. SD71 has been supportive of the past dressing room improvements and staff will work with them on the current proposal from the Glacier Kings.

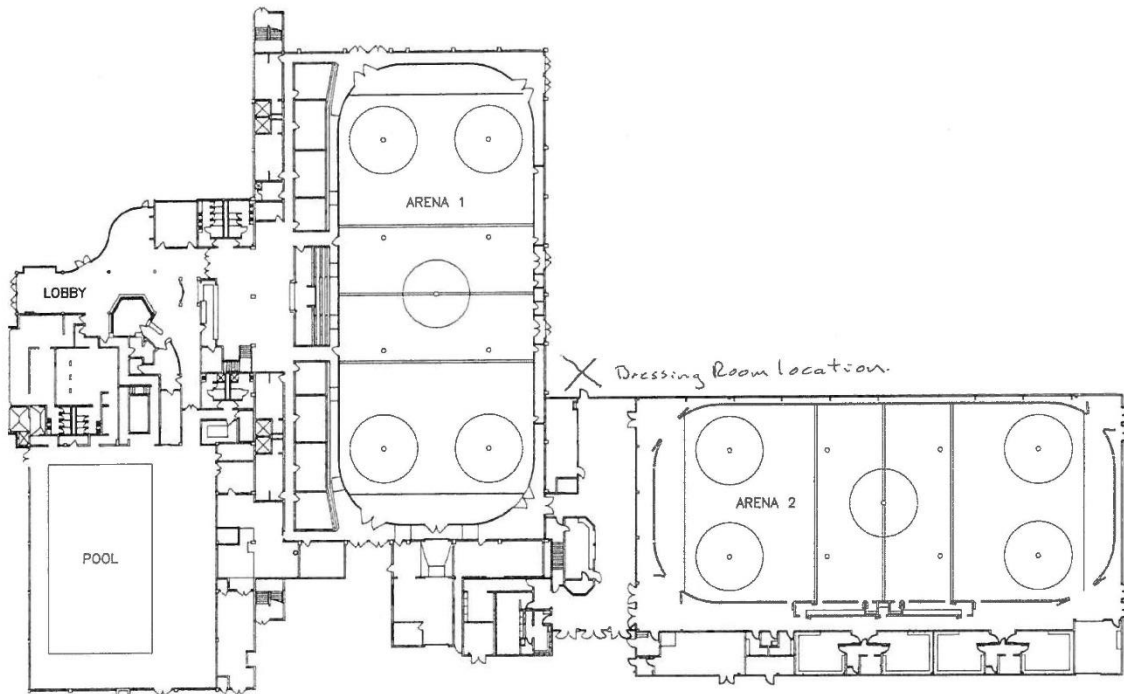
Citizen/Public Relations

The Glacier Kings have been and continues to be a long term user of the CVSC facilities/ice. Given the opportunity the dressing room would provide space, a home base, ownership and pride for the players, coaches and equipment, etc. Since the Sports Centre is a public facility it is important to relay that the Glacier Kings are constructing the dressing room, and their previous space will be available for other user groups and public to use. Staff do not anticipate disruptions to public use during the construction phase during this project as its location is away from public parking and entrance.

Communications will provide updates to stakeholders/general public.

Attachments: Appendix A – “Comox Valley Sports Centre proposed site location”

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