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TO: Chair and Members
Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission

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RE: Glacier Kings Dressing Room Building Update

Purpose

To update the Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission about recent 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:

This report is provided for information only.

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.
- In June 2018, the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board approved entering into an agreement with the Comox Valley Glacier Kings for the construction of a team dressing room at the CVSC site.
- Due to costs associated with this project, the Glacier Kings are not prepared to move forward with the construction of a team dressing room near Arena #1 at this time.
- As a temporary solution the Glacier Kings are looking to proceed with equipment storage trailer request that was approved by the CVRD Board in September 2016.
- Terms and conditions will be outlined in a detailed agreement.

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Background/Current Situation

The Glacier Kings are a member of the Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League. 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 again in 2009 and once 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 Glacier Kings for the placement and operation of an equipment storage trailer at the CVSC 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 came forward by the Glacier Kings again with an additional request that the CVRD support the project by applying the Kraft Hockeyville funds of \$25,000 towards the dressing room initiative.

In June 2018, the CVRD Board approved entering into an agreement with the Glacier Kings for the construction of a team dressing room at the Comox Valley Sports Centre site and also approved 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 Glacier Kings Junior B Hockey Club to be funded by a transfer from the Kraft Hockeyville funds held in the capital works reserve.

In August 2018 staff met with the Glacier Kings owners where confirmation was provided from the Glacier Kings organization that the construction of a team dressing room at the CVSC site will not proceed at this time. This is due to the high costs associated with this project.

The Glacier Kings organization wishes instead to move forward with the September 2016 CVRD Board approval for the CVRD to enter into an agreement with the Glacier Kings for the placement and operation of an equipment storage trailer at the CVSC site. CVRD staff will work with Glacier Kings owners and School District 71 to establish trailer placement. CVRD staff will work with the Glacier Kings owners to draft a detailed agreement indicating items such as term of trailer placement, cost specifics and responsibilities, access to storage, etc.

There were five specific areas/project listed in Kraft Hockeyville funds application process; one being for a new dressing room for the Glacier Kings organization. As the temporary equipment storage trailer was not included as one of these areas/projects to utilize the funds, the \$25,000 Kraft Hockeyville funds cannot be used towards the equipment storage trailer project.

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.

In June 2018, the CVRD Board approved the following recommendations:

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.

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.

The addition of an equipment storage trailer to the CVRD site will be at the cost of the Glacier Kings organization.

Options

This report is provided for information only.

Financial Factors

All costs for the equipment storage trailer, including permits and hook-up fees will be the responsibility of the Glacier Kings. The Glacier Kings will be responsible for all costs of ongoing utilities and maintenance of the equipment storage trailer.

The 2018 – 2022 financial plan was amended to increase Other Professional Fees by \$25,000 as a contribution towards the construction of a dressing room by the Glacier Kings to be funded by a transfer from the Kraft Hockeyville funds held in the capital works reserve. As the Hockeyville funds cannot be used towards the temporary equipment storage trailer, the \$25,000 will remain in the capital works reserves, identified as the Kraft Hockeyville funds.

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 illustrate that this is a short term agreement and temporary placement of the equipment storage trailer during the Junior B hockey season.

Intergovernmental Factors

The CVSC is within the City of Courtenay. All approvals, permits, licenses and connection fees necessary for the project will be the responsibility of Glacier Kings. These conditions will be outlined in the future agreement.

The CVRD leases the property on which the Sports Centre is located from SD71, the land owner. Prior to any addition, CVRD staff will 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 equipment storage trailer request from the Glacier Kings.

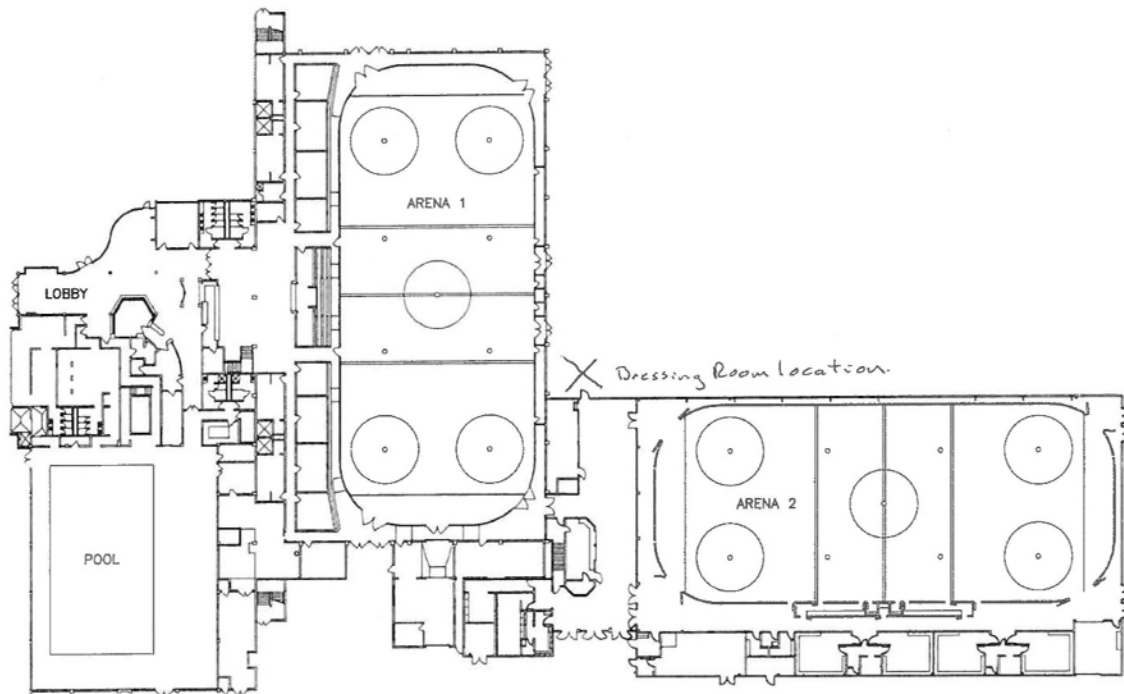
Citizen/Public Relations

The Glacier Kings have been and continue to be a long term user of the CVSC facilities/ice. Since the CVSC is a public facility it is important to relay that this a temporary and short term agreement providing an immediate solution for the Glacier Kings players equipment storage until the Glacier Kings organization is prepared to move forward with construction of a dressing room. Staff do not anticipate disruptions to public use during the placement of the equipment storage trailer as it is in a location away from public parking and entrance.

Communications will provide updates to stakeholders and the general public.

Attachments: Appendix A – “Glacier Kings equipment trailer proposed site location at the Comox Valley Sports Centre”

Appendix A – Glacier Kings Equipment Trailer proposed site location at the Comox Valley Sports Centre



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