



CITY OF WELLAND

Welland Arena Advisory Committee
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Welland Arenas Advisory Committee Approved Minutes (2021-08)

Place: Virtual Meeting through ZOOM
Date: August 26, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM

	Name	Representing	Initials
Present:	Chris Siddall	Winter Sport	CS
	Doug Matthews	Member at Large	DM
	Cliff Durant	Winter Sport	CD
	Councillor Tony DiMarco	Council	TD
Staff:	Rob Axiak	Director of Community Services	RA
	Amanda Degazio	Supervisor, Customer Services/Admin	AD
	Chris Vennell	Arena & Canal Banks Foreman	CV
	Kim Warner	Rec & Cult. Facility Scheduling Clerk	KW
Regrets:	Shawn Kelley	Member at Large	SK
	Terry Neal	Member at Large	TN
Minutes:	Kim Leney	Rec & Cult. Cust. Service Clerk	KL

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1.	Call meeting to order: Time: 4:14pm TD – Request to reverse the order of agenda items #5, #2 Change order of agenda items	CS
2.	Additions/Deletions to August 26, 2021 Agenda TD – Request to remove #3 – Conflict of Interest, Reason: It has never been on agenda before & should be discussed before adding to agenda RA – Response: It should be at the beginning of agenda as part of “Call to Order” and it is part of The Terms of Reference	
3.	Conflict of Interest CS – Members asked to declare any conflicts of interest Response: All confirmed no conflict	

4. **Brief Introductions**
Brief in introductions of everyone in attendance through ZOOM ALL
5. **Approval of September 26 2019 minutes**
TD – was absent from September 26 meeting,
Would like to request that item #3, Review of Terms of Reference, reflecting the number of members and the voting composition to be deleted from the minutes, reminded members that the Chair of committee does not vote unless to break a tie.
After discussion and review of the minutes, CS summarized that there will be no change to the current Terms of Reference, the chair will remain the deciding vote in the event of a tie.
Further discussion concluded that the original discussion began with the idea of reducing the 9 members as stated in the Terms of Reference to 6 members. Primary reason being that positions are to be held by a representative of the AAC, SCAC and MYAC committees, however these members do not attend leaving the WAAC unable to meet quorum and move ahead with decisions. ALL
- Motion:** Motion on floor put forward by Tony DiMarco, to recind the Motion of September 26, 2019 to “recommend change of 5 voting members plus the councillor”
Response: All in Favour
- Motion:** Accept September 26, 2019 minutes with change to item #3
Motion to accept: TD
Second: DM
All in Favour
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
None CS
7. **Review of Terms of Reference (Copy provided)**
TD - in reference to 9 members, thought it had already been discussed and reduced to 6 – 7 members
RA - reminds members that after the previous motion, we are back to the original Terms of Reference, that being 9 voting members, with specific designations, whether they show or not, quorum is based on the 9 voting members.
Further discussion, KW read over the purpose and objectives of the WAAC from the Terms of Reference.
RA – Reminds committee that it holds an “advisory position” to council and that it should take this opportunity due to COVID to review their purpose, objectives and how they may wish to change the composition of the committee and number of voting members

8. **Review of Ice Allocation Policy**

CS – At times the policy is unclear, which leads to misinterpretation of policy
Would like to make the policy more structured and clear

KW – 2019 was the first year of implementation of policy and it was understood that it would be reviewed once in place, it has always been considered a working document

TD – felt the policy was good as it stands, but needs to be followed

DM – Mentioned that the key item was to provide priority to the groups that would enhance the city, corporate events and youth groups, one item that was replaced was the “grandfather clause” which locked in a group until it was cancelled.

Through discussion there were mixed reviews on whether it was a good policy or not and where it needed improvements

KW – confirmed the grandfather clause was removed but replaced with “historical precedent”

CS – requests clarification on how to submit items for discussion

RA – Asks members that when they have an item to discuss regarding their own user groups, that they first bring to staff members for discussion outside of the committee. If the item for discussion is general or collective for other user groups, then submit with the committee

CS – Asks for clarification on the hierarchy that is used to determine how available ice time will be allocated

RA – Stated that the policy may not be clear on hierarchy but that it does state historical precedence as a starting point for other things. Need to discuss how to handle emerging needs. The purpose is to bring a wide variety of uses to the community. Does not want to focus on competing groups but on complimenting groups/activities.

RA – Suggests for all committee members to review the Ice Allocation Policy and then meet for discussion. Everyone to bring forth their ideas keeping in mind that this should be seen through the lens of the whole group not just your particular user group/organization

9. **Discussion of vaccination policy**

DM – Watching what the OHL and CFL, and other larger city organizations are doing. Would like to suggest that everyone entering the arenas of the age of 12 and over should be double vaccinated and anyone under age 12 should be masked.

Motion: Put forward by DM to Recommend to City Council to have all attendees of the arenas who are eligible to be fully vaccinated with the exception of those under 12 or have health reasons restricting them from vaccination, provide proof of vaccination at time of entering facility

All in favour

Action: TD to take to council on Sept 7 the recommendation to have all attendees of arenas to provide proof of vaccination

- 10** **New Business**
None
- 11.** **Adjourn** **Time: 5:30pm**
Move to adjourn: TD
All in favour