



## Corporation of the Township of Brock

### Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Wayne Ward

**Position:** Director Parks, Recreation and Facilities

**Title / Subject:** Late Ice 2024-2025 Season

**Date of Report:** July 4, 2025

**Date of Meeting:** July 28, 2025

**Report No:** 2025-PRF-012

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#### 1.0 Issue / Origin

Report to Council on costs and revenue for late ice from the 2024-2025 season.

#### 2.0 Background

During the February 10, 2025 Council meeting resolution C-2025-083, “Be It Resolved That Report 2025-PRF-003, Ice Extension Request - Foster Hewitt Memorial Community Centre for the 2024/2025 Season be received; and

That Council receives correspondence 63/25 from Brock Minor Hockey Association; and

That Council approve the request for continuation of ice for the 2024/2025 ice season at the Foster Hewitt Memorial Community Centre up to May 11, 2025; and

That Parks and Recreation staff to continue to maintain the ice at the Foster Hewitt Memorial Community Centre through to May 11, 2025 and to work with all user groups for ice scheduling to provide the highest frequency of ice usage during this extended time including advertising of available ice times for users outside of Brock Township; and

That staff continue to work with all user groups to see if alternatives can be found to allow for better coordination between user groups and events.” was passed by Council.

### 3.0 Analysis

While this extended ice was planned from March 30 through to May 11, 2025 the ice storm of March 2025 affected the Foster Hewitt Memorial Community Centre due to the lengthy power outage. The facility was not available for use from March 30 through to April 2. This event did impact the planned usage and we were very fortunate that the ice remained in place during this outage and did not negatively affect the ice surface.

Below is the planned ice usage and the actual ice usage, over the period from March 30, 2025 to May 11, 2025, for the minor user groups specifically as well as the total hours used for rentals and adult groups.

| User Group      | Scheduled use      | Actual use         | Difference       |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| BMHA            | 83.5 hours         | 77.5 hours         | -6 hours         |
| BSC             | 33 hours           | 27 hours           | -6 hours         |
| Ringette        | 7 hours            | 13 hours           | +6 hours         |
| CSC             | 6 hours            | 5 hours            | -1 hour          |
| Brock Bandits   | 12 hours           | 17 hours           | +5 hours         |
| Adult / rentals | 37 hours           | 24 hours           | -13 hours        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>178.5 hours</b> | <b>163.5 hours</b> | <b>-15 hours</b> |

Total rental income during this period was approximately \$22,672.50.

Utilities during this time frame are shown below:

| Utility      | 2024 usage        | 2025 usage        | Difference        |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Elexicon     | \$2,967.41        | \$7,632.06        | \$4,664.65        |
| Enbridge     | \$722.97          | \$1,154.27        | \$431.30          |
| Durham Water | \$254.48          | \$705.66          | \$451.18          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$3,944.86</b> | <b>\$9,491.99</b> | <b>\$5,547.13</b> |

### 4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

None

### 5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

During this period the income was approximately \$22,672.50 not including HST for rentals. The utility expenses above the normal for this period were \$5,547.13. The additional staffing costs specifically for ice attendants was approximately \$3,086.10. This does not include the casual staff as we would have likely had these remain in place for the changeover from winter to spring/summer operations.

Overall, there appears to be a profit of approximately \$14,039.27 not including HST, with extending the ice at the Foster Hewitt Memorial Community Centre.

## **5.1 Asset Management**

This additional time of use may have had a small impact on the asset as there was additional time of operation for the compressors and ice facility equipment including the ice resurfacing equipment. Overall, there is minimal impact to the entire facility due to this late ice.

## **6.0 Climate Change Impacts**

With extended ice time the facility had to use additional water, electricity and natural gas for operations. All of these items can contribute to climate change due to water/wastewater processing, additional electricity which requires generation that may have climate impact as well as additional GHG from natural gas use for heating purposes to operate the facility.

Through retrofitting efforts to LED lighting and high efficiency boilers and hot water heaters these impacts are being minimized as much as possible.

## **7.0 Communications**

This report is being published on a public meeting agenda.

## **8.0 Conclusion**

Notwithstanding the ice storm causing a closure of this facility for a period of time where rentals were planned, this extension of available ice to mid-May proved to be successful. The majority of scheduled rentals occurred and there was still ice time available.

As we prepare for the 2025/2026 ice season we are planning for late ice to continue through to mid-May and will promote more available ice publicly to try to increase use and rental revenue.

## **9.0 Recommendation**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report 2025-PRF-012, and

THAT staff proceed with preparation for late ice to continue for the 2025/2026 ice season.