



PROPOSAL FOR ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR BEAVERTON FAIR 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Presented to Township of Brock and Beaverton
Fairboard

Purpose

This proposal outlines a practical, low-cost alternative for hosting the 4-H Achievement Day (Cow Show) that preserves all required functionality for the Fair Board while enabling the Township to install ice in the Beaverton Arena in September. The solution addresses concerns regarding proximity, containment, cost, and access, while ensuring BMHA is an active partner in making it a success.

Current Arrangement and Concerns with Relocation

- The Fair Board has historically used the **arena floor** for the Cow Show.
- Their rationale, as explained to BMHA representatives:
 - Close proximity to the barn.
 - Containment provided by three arena walls plus a minimal rented barrier wall they know they can secure.
 - Onsite wash facilities located nearby.
- Concerns with relocating further west on the fairgrounds:
 - **Containment:** Proper fencing is expensive and not realistically available for purchase or rental in the required quantity.
 - **Travel Distance:** Moving cattle farther across the grounds raises both cost and safety concerns.
 - **Facilities:** Proximity to the barn and wash stations is considered essential.

Proposed Alternative

BMHA proposes that the Cow Show be held in the **parking lot immediately east of the Beaverton Arena building and directly south of the barn.**

Key Features of This Location:

- **Proximity Maintained:** The distance from the barn to the proposed show area in the lot is shorter than the current arena route, 100 ft vs. 110 ft as shown in the map provided.
- **Containment Provided:**
 - Old Sunderland Arena boards and glass, soon to be removed during renovations, would be repurposed.
 - Reconfigured into a **50x50 ft (or custom-sized) ring** for safe and durable containment.
 - Anchored with reusable epoxy-bolted concrete anchors, ensuring safe and repeatable setup year after year.
 - If the arena boards are sufficient to safely contain cattle and allow spectators inside the arena, there is no reason they cannot serve the same purpose outdoors.
- **Grandstands:**
 - Rental of spectator seating would be required for the outdoor setup.
 - BMHA is open to discussing assistance with these costs as part of a shared solution.
- **Facilities:**
 - Wash stations remain adjacent on the north side of the barn.
 - Easy, direct access from the barn to the show ring.

BMHA's Commitment

BMHA recognizes the importance of the Fair to the community and is prepared to be an active partner in making this alternative feasible:

- Assisting with the construction effort to repurpose Sunderland Arena boards into a show ring.
- Supporting installation efforts, including coordination with Township staff as required.
- Helping offset associated costs, including one-time initial costs (anchors, site preparation) and ongoing costs such as the rental of grandstands.

Benefits

Fair Board:

- Maintains cattle safety, proximity, and wash facilities.
- Containment solved with no new fencing costs, or at worst minimal additional fencing.
- Receives additional assistance from BMHA to reduce financial burden.

Township:

- Provides a cost-effective, permanent solution using existing assets.
- Supports both community groups without any significant increase in operating burden.

BMHA and Residents:

- September ice installed on time for use starting the Tuesday following Labour Day, maximizing arena use for BMHA and other community groups.
- Reduces taxpayer burden by increasing rental revenue and extending the arena's useful operating season.
- Restores BMHA's competitiveness with neighbouring associations in municipalities that already provide earlier ice.

Supporting Materials

- Satellite overhead map of arena grounds.
- Sketch of proposed 50x50 containment using Sunderland Arena boards.

Sketch of proposed Relocation Area

