

Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

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Title / Subject: Ice Allocation Policy

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1.0 Issue / Origin

Revising the Ice Allocation Policy to update the priorities and guidelines for distributing ice time.

2.0 Background

In the Fall of 2021, the decision was made to not install ice at the Rick MacLeish Memorial Community Centre due to the scheduled roof repairs. This resulted in the need to re-allocate ice based on two surfaces rather than 3. The current policy didn't speak to allocating ice based on a reduced number of ice surfaces. The revised policy allows for allocation of ice based on a set of priorities regardless of the number of ice surfaces available.

3.0 Analysis

The current Ice Allocation Policy grants ice based on the previous ice season. The revised policy will continue with that guideline, but in addition will prioritize minor user groups, as well as resident groups.

The revised policy will aim to maximize rentals and promote use of unused prime time ice.

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

PR 4 – Ice Allocation Policy

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

The revised policy will have little budget impact.

This policy will require Ice User Groups to pay for their ice times at the beginning of each month before we they will be permitted to step on the ice. This will eliminate unpaid, outstanding ice bills.

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

No Climate Change impacts.

7.0 Communications

The revised policy was provided to the Ice User Groups to review and provide their feedback. Feedback was received from several of the user groups. Staff reviewed the feedback and updated the policy to reflect some of the comments from the user groups.

Staff responded to the user groups to address their concerns and advised the changes that were made in the policy based on their feedback.

8.0 Conclusion

The updated Ice Allocation Policy provides a set of guidelines for staff to follow in which ice will be distributed, no matter how many ice surfaces are available.

9.0 Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the updated Ice Allocation Policy effective for the 2022-2023 season.