



Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

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Title / Subject: Foster Hewitt Memorial Community Centre

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1.0 Issue / Origin

The current configuration of the Foster Hewitt Memorial Community Centre has two separate access paths from the lobby area to the ice surface and seating area. These two entrances are exposed to the possibility of a puck being directed over the safety glass with the possibility of striking a person or persons in this immediate area. At one of these entrances the dedicated "Girls Changeroom" is situated.

2.0 Background

Many sports facilities have been installing protective netting in areas where there is a potential of a projectile entering into a pedestrian or seating area with the possibility of causing harm to a person or persons.

This type netting is installed in portions of our other arena facilities but is not installed in this facility.

3.0 Analysis

Already approved in the 2022 Capital Budget is \$10,000.00 for South End Wall Restoration. This work will include the removal of the existing damaged corrugated steel and replace it with new corrugated steel of similar type and dimensions. This will provide a cleaner looking surface in the arena area.

However, this will still be exposed to damage from pucks being deflected into this area and does not provide for a safety barrier over the pedestrian accesses. This portion of work was not anticipated in the budget.

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

None

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

As previously noted \$10,000.00 has been budgeted to complete the restoration of the south wall. This work will total approximately \$7,000.00 not including the cost of a lift for the duration of the work.

A quote has been received from the supplier of the safety glass used in our arenas for a cost of \$6,500 for supply and installation of new netting to project from the first support beam across the south end of the arena around the entire south wall and back to the first support beam. This would cover the entire pedestrian area as well as the newly installed metal on the south wall. Staff recommend a \$5,000 project budget increase to cover to additional work and non-recoverable HST impacts for a revised project budget of \$15,000.

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

None

7.0 Communications

None

8.0 Conclusion

This request allows for improved safety of all persons entering into the arena ice surface during sporting events where there is a possibility of a projectile striking them due to going beyond the safety glass. This will also allow for a longer life span of the metal on the south wall above the ice surface.

9.0 Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the allocation of additional funding to cover the cost of the installation of safety netting at the South end of the Foster Hewitt Memorial Community Centre, with a portion of the costing coming from any remaining funds upon completion of the restoration of the South Wall, and;

THAT Council approve a capital budget increase of \$5,000 to be funded from the Arena Reserve Fund.