
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 3, 2003
File No.: 7900-20

To: City Manager

From: Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

Subject: Memorial Arena Playing Surface

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the dimensions of the playing surface at Memorial Arena remain the same as they are currently, during the replacement and renovations of this facility planned for 2004.

Discussion:

Council has approved "in principle" the replacement of the Memorial Arena playing surface and board system scheduled for 2004. As part of this planned work, staff is also investigating a number of other issues related to Memorial Arena including;

1. Determine the size of the playing surface.	This work will start first, since it will have an impact on a number of the other items. Anticipated completion – end of May, 2003
2. Examine the potential uses of the other interior spaces, and the appropriate improvements and upgrades.	The Sports and Facilities division will lead this component of the work. Anticipated completion – mid July, 2003
3. Examine the exterior façade, to determine appropriate renovations to improve the appearance of the facility.	The Civic Properties division will lead this component of the work. Anticipated completion – end of July, 2003

The current dimensions of the playing surface are 190 ft. X 80 ft., and we examined the additional costs associated with increasing the playing surface to;

- 200 ft. X 85 ft. = \$660,000 + taxes
- 200 ft. X 80 ft. = \$600,000 + taxes

We did engage the services of a professional structural engineering firm to assist in our assessment. It is also important to note that these are 'order of magnitude' costs, and staff believes there could conceivably be additional costs due to unknowns that may become apparent once such work starts.

Although we continue to work on the other issues with community stakeholders regarding the use of interior space, as well as associated interior and exterior renovations, staff believes it is necessary to finalize the issue of the size of the playing surface.

The Parks and Facilities Committee considered this matter during their meeting on June 19, 2003, and passed a resolution in support of this recommendation.

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