



MINUTES
SPECIAL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
5:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor D. Canfield (left at 6:20 p.m.)
Councillor M. Goss
Councillor R. McMillan
Councillor D. Reynard
Councillor L. Roussin
Councillor S. Smith
Councillor C. Wasacase

Staff: Karen Brown, CAO
Heather Kasprick, City Clerk
Colleen Neil, Recreation Services

Call Meeting to order – Mayor D. Canfield

Public Notices

Take Notice that as required under Notice By-law #144-2007, Council intends to adopt the following items at this Special Meeting of Council:
N/A

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature thereof

- i) On Today's Agenda
- ii) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance

Deputations

Approximately five (5) minutes per person/group.

Items:

1. Events Centre Committee – Stantec/Nelson Report

The Events Centre Committee along with Stantec/Nelson were in attendance to present the final schematic design and business case for the proposed Event Centre.

Colleen Neil opened with comments from the Committee and why this project is important. The presentation included members of the community along with Event

Centre Committee members. Presenters include: Event Centre Committee Co-Chairs Chris Van Wallengham and Judy Bain, Shannon Robinson from the NWHU, David Nelson from Nelson Architecture Inc, Warren Thompson from Stantec, Megan Derouard, Dean Carrie and student Matthew Favreau.

Chris Van Wallengham provided the history to the development/expansion of the Kenora Recreation Center and the history of the review process for the expansion project. In 2010 the recreation facility study was completed. In 2012, the Events Centre Committee was established to determine the feasibility of an expansion project. In 2013 a public meeting was held to determine facility requirements and funding options. In 2014, a feasibility report was submitted to Council and in October of 2014 Council approved funding for a business case. In July 2015, Stantec-Nelson was awarded the business case project. In 2016 the Event Centre Committee along with Stantec-Nelson held meetings for final input into the draft of the proposal.

Shannon Robinson from the Northwestern Health Unit presented the importance of this facility to our community. She opened by stating that not enough people, children or adults, are as active as they should be to get all of the health benefits. Only a small percentage of Canadians meet the minimum guidelines for physical activity. Not being active enough can increase the risk of developing a number of chronic diseases, and is a leading risk factor for death worldwide. Females across the age groups spend less time doing moderate-vigorous physical activity than men; and time spent on screens (computers, tvs, handheld devices) is increasing. We need to reverse this trend. Obesity and overweight people are on the rise and rates in our area are higher than the rest of the province (61.3% compared to 54.1%). Females, for example of students in grades 6-8 in the region, only 9.8% of girls, compared to 19.4% of boys meet the recommendations for daily physical activity. 55.6% of those students surveyed in grade 6-8 exceed screen time guidelines. The impact of this increasingly sedentary lifestyle includes chronic disease, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, and cancer. These all have an impact on quality of life, sickness and death in Northwestern Ontario.

We've got what it takes for healthy living. We are a community that is sustainable, self-reliant, inclusive, and creative. Our bodies are designed to move, and our City should be too. Active communities support active lifestyles - walking, biking, sports, and recreation - and they include spaces for people to be active in. In 2013-14 the Health Unit had a consultant review municipal documents from each municipality in the area to identify support for active communities. This was to support their own goal of helping municipalities design and support active communities, and create reports for each community. The City's Strategic Plan and Official Plan were reviewed. Both documents highlighted the municipality's vision to be an inclusive, sustainable, four-season lifestyle community. The City also applied for and supports the HKCC in partnership with the Health Unit bringing \$500,000 to the region over 3 years to support children getting active and eating healthier.

As part of the active communities' reports, the Health Unit invited community stakeholders to do an online survey to understand their attitudes towards active communities. 21 stakeholders in Kenora participated and ranked issues of importance to the municipality related to active transportation and recreation. Overall, the survey showed that there is stakeholder support for active communities - they called for investments in parks, recreation, and spaces where residents of all ages and abilities can

get active; more recreational programming; and ensuring that active living infrastructure is seen as important when the municipal council is identifying budget priorities.

In September 2015, 18 people took part in the Health Unit's second Online Discussion Panel, this one on Active Communities. During the panel, they learned about public health and policy options related to active communities. Participants recommended that the Health Unit should work on supporting policy related to infrastructure and road design with a particular focus on helping communities get active safely during the winter months.

People already feel connected to our community in Kenora. We have a higher sense of community belonging than the provincial average. (74.3% vs 67.5%). There is room to improve, but a strength we can build on. We've got what it takes for healthy living and we plan and build our communities makes a difference in how active and healthy residents are. We know physical inactivity and the social and built environments are contributing factors to the current rates of overweight and obesity.

In public health they know we can't rely on education about healthy lifestyles to make people to change their behaviours – it's not enough. We are too heavily influenced by our surroundings. Environment has a huge impact on the health related 'choices' individuals make.

The NWHU knows many residents and partners support the idea of municipalities making investments to support healthy and active communities. They know municipalities can support active communities by prioritizing investments in infrastructure, policies and programming to give residents options for getting active. An active community provides opportunities for people to engage in daily physical activity and enhance social interaction in a safe, aesthetically pleasing environment. We have been, and will continue to be a community that values active living – outdoor in our natural environment, as well as indoor. Physical activity helps our children with healthy growth and development, it prevents chronic diseases like cancer, Type 2 diabetes and heart disease, it makes us stronger, gives us energy, decreases stress, and helps prolong independence as we get older (PHAC) it makes us feel better in both the short and long-term. Creating an active community makes it easier to be active every day. Today you can help make the healthy choice the easy choice by supporting the next steps for the Kenora Recreation Centre Expansion Project and creating a space: where everybody gets to play- sport or recreation; skating, swimming or performing, or just using the active unstructured play opportunities that are built into the proposed design. Where everybody is welcome – all ages, all cultures, all genders, all levels of ability. We can engage youth, we can engage seniors, we create and enhance social connections which are good for overall health. And where there are year round, affordable ways to get active at levels that support health and wellness there are ways for people to fit it in, their way, everyday.

The NWHU is pleased that the City has come so far in the expansion project and encourages them to take the next step toward its development. The Health Unit can help by: Providing information and data to support funding applications; Making the connection between active community infrastructure, healthy communities and healthy people – for funders, stakeholders, and residents; Providing healthy, active living programming in partnership with the centre; Promoting community events, programs and activities that increase access to physical activity and recreation for all. The event centre supports our mission to improve the quality of life in our communities – healthy lifestyles, longer lives lived well.

David Nelson from Nelson Architecture presented slides on the municipal strategic alignment. These included: Diversify the economy and grow the industrial base; Reduce the infrastructure deficit; Enable affordable housing; Recruit, develop and retain talented City staff; Promote recreation and healthy lifestyles; Champion environmental stewardship; Expand tourism; Strengthen cultural relations; and advocate for new funding. The City will enhance the Kenora Recreation Centre as an accessible community asset that is well-positioned in the current and future regional marketplace as a sustainable multi-use recreation and event centre. There is a Provincial strategic alignment with this project. The project gives cooperation and coordination among all recreation partners in the community. It will give priority in the allocation of provincial resources to those recreation programs and services that are developed through a cooperative planning process and will maximize recreation's potential in Kenora. Assume an advocacy role for recreation within the provincial government among other levels of government and between the provincial government and the private sector. Communicate the value, importance and potential of recreation to other provincial ministries as well as the implications for their programs through an inter-ministerial coordination committee. This project will see the development of the broadest range of recreation services. The City will explore provincial financial assistance through a variety of programs, to municipal governments and other organizations for the development of recreation services. This project supports initiatives which increase opportunities for all citizens including the elderly, the disabled, ethno cultural groups and other special needs groups.

This site would allow for 830 parking stalls on this site. The design displaces the existing baseball diamonds but leaves the tennis courts in place. There is a private development opportunity left with open space in the design in the event that such opportunity presents itself to help offset the costs of the facility. There would be a new entry way developed with the expansion of the ice surface and event centre attached to the additional ice surface. There is a lot of community storage and sport storage available. There would be eight change rooms with designated space for one specific sports team. There is a catering area and multi-purpose room.

The new ice surface area is a 1,700 seat arena in the new ice surface area. It has club rooms or box seats which can serve as multi-purpose space and could be used as smaller meeting rooms when not in use for sporting events. The 1,700 seats were chosen as this would then allow us to host large events such as Telus Cup which we cannot currently bid for.

The concourse level matches with both surfaces and created a method for you to see what is going on in the other ice surface. There is new team training area which will help offload the pressure on the current fitness facility.

The new multipurpose space has been discussed for many years. It was decided that it should accommodate everything including events, banquets, sports, and arts event. The variable seating will provide space for up to 600 for large events but subdivides into smaller spaces of 165 and 300 seats with various areas of the partitions. The games floor has a court sport floor which would allow us to host OFSAA events (volleyball, basketball, badminton) in addition to martial arts, dance and other sporting events. The floor of the multipurpose space can accommodate 300 people with tables and chairs for a banquet. There are very limited places in Kenora to accommodate that size of banquet or event in Kenora. The design has been designed to be aesthetically pleasing but also

provides daylight to the building and solar heat to contribute to the energy efficiencies of the building.

Warren Thompson from Stantec presented on the cost summary and financial analysis. He noted that they are passionate about this project and look forward to the facility in the community. This project is great strengthening of the brand and great alignment to continue to draw in professionals, broader range of attraction to the community and provides accessibility to a full range of community members and visitors. This is an investment in this community and expands the range of programming and opportunity that this community currently offers. It offers to all types of recreation and they need programming available. The timing of this project is ideal as there will be communities going after funding federally and provincially.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the overall dollars and explained what has changed from the initial feasibility study. They are confident in the dollars that they are presenting and have reviewed the numbers closely. The revenue model presented is a very manageable program. The debt that would be financed would be under \$9M

Currently in the Kenora Recreation Centre and the Keewatin Memorial Arena the total ice available is 8,064 hours. The available prime ice time is 5,504 hours. The total annual use is 5,997 hours. There is a 74% use of available ice currently and 109% use of prime ice time.

The new facility impacts would show an estimated moderate growth scenario at (\$381,198) which is a 63% total cost recovery.

This project allows us to stimulate the community in many ways. The development of this project would provide for 200 jobs for the actual development of the facility. When it comes to other indirect benefits to the community you will have an impact of approximately \$90,000 per event at a minimum. Incremental things go into the community and the business pockets and are a community investment.

The next steps would include Council allowing the project to move forward. The Committee would like Council to agree in principal for the event centre to continue with the project and to allow the grant applications and funding to confirm with project development. This would allow the review of the project with funding partners and establish project funding requirements. Then the group could establish partnerships and commence the fundraising framework. Develop procurement documents to keep the process moving forward.

Megan Derouard, Event Centre Committee member spoke about other events within the community and what direction we are headed with Art Events in the community. At the school level, productions such as the drama productions, vocal shows and drama shows are currently held in the school gymnasium. Between set up, event and tear down, these events close the gym for over a week which in turn displaces every gym class, and extra-curricular activity with no place for these students to gain physical exercise. A school gym also does not have proper facilities for effective lighting or sound for these types of events. There is nowhere to host larger conferences, or events.

As far as the sport piece Ms. Derouard expressed what we lose if we don't move forward with this project. She explained that our local athletes will not be able to compete at the

next level, whether it be the court, on the ice, or large events. There is not enough time currently in the school gyms or the arenas to be able to offer the practice time needed in order for athletes to improve and to compete against the larger cities. We want to be able to send our youth of Kenora away to play at the next level, but if we do not have the facility in order to allow them to prepare then they will never have the opportunity. The reality of not having this complex, means we come up short. We will not put Kenora on the map as a place to host events, we will not give a place for kids to just go and play. Sports Tourism is so important, it brings people into our community to eat in our restaurants, sleep in our hotels, shop in our local stores. This project is a win win for our whole community. But we are not able to host large events, increase our recreation programs or offer new and extended programs without having a facility like this. There is no more room for a band aid fix. We need to have the ice, the theater, the court, but in order to have larger events you need to have the media rooms, the storage, the sound systems, the coaches room. We have a chance to make a change, to be the hub for sporting and arts events of Northwestern Ontario with this project.

Ms. Derouard referenced the youth in our community and people who want to move to Kenora. They love the city, they love the lake, but they need things to raise a family to do. They want their kids to have opportunities similar to other communities and this is where Kenora falls short. The community lacks so many programs such as small ball toddler gym, open basketball, volleyball, badminton, etc as there are no facilities to offer any kind of programming for youth and adults that do not belong to a group. We need to have a space to program, and today, tomorrow and the future we will not have programming until you provide the space. Young professionals look at Kenora and what they can do to stay active here. Because there is no open gym space or a space for any matter in the community, where can they join open basketball or volleyball, badminton, floor hockey they are left with very minimal options. These professionals are going to choose other communities over Kenora as they have more to offer. We need a reason for people to move to this community outside of the lake and a job. What can people do for fun and to stay healthy and active. That is more important than ever today, as you heard from the NWHU.

Investing in your citizens, and especially our youth, is just as important as investing in infrastructure. We understand the importance of roads and bridges infrastructure but why repair the things so people travel to Kenora if we don't have the facilities to provide things to do when they get here. We need places for people to go, places that people are willing to invest in because it makes them feel good, it gives them something to do. A multi-purpose centre like this development will allow them to do that. Whether it be Monday night pickle ball for seniors or Thursday night open gym night for kids or a Wednesday night ladies league for volleyball, we need a place to program so we have activities for people of all ages to go to.

Ms. Derouard noted in her previous position with the City, she constantly had to turn down people asking for ice rentals. She has scheduled the time and know how much time is needed. There is so much demand and we cannot come close to meeting the needs. Schools are forced to take their students out of classrooms because there is no ice time after school to run their programs. She sees the gyms being closed day after day for other events leaving kids nowhere to be in the gym, leaving extra-curricular teams nowhere to practice to prepare for game day. As a young professional in this community there is nothing to do in regards to court sports because there is no space to do them. Elementary schools are being used for community group like Karate and

Gymnastics because there is nowhere for them to go. We have an opportunity to create space for all people of all ages to be able to enjoy being active.

Ms. Derouard summarized her presentation and expressed that at the end of the day Kenora is doing the best they can do with what facilities that they have. Groups have programmed their sport to the maximum possible, but they have been pushed beyond their limits but they need more space to grow and develop beyond the minimum. It is time to move forward. This is not a case of build it and hope they will come. It is very evident that this facility will not need to be recruited for it is already full you just need to build it, your citizens are waiting for you to give them something to invest in. This is a facility that will bring people to our community.

Dean Carrie presented on behalf of the Arts community. Dean is one of the founding members of the Lake of the Woods Centre for the Arts Foundation. The Foundation was formed in 2010 with the purpose of seeing a multipurpose/arts facility built. At the last AGM they passed a motion to dissolve the corporation. When it comes to building a performing arts space you cannot rely on volunteers to get this done. This is a very large undertaking, and while volunteers will help with fundraising and contribute, it is something the City must take the lead on. We have seen other communities develop similar spaces and the models in other communities have been very financially viable. Once you get it built it will work. Community pride counts for a lot aside from financial. Our City does not have a facility for events to come here. There is a lot of room for growth for cultural events and art events but we will never know what might have been if we don't move forward with this project. We will regret it if we don't take advantage of this opportunity as these chances don't come along often.

Judy Bain, Co-Chair of the Events Committee has been a member for four years. She is a Nurse LOW District Hospital and has been involved with hockey for 25 years. She noted that 26 years later we are still talking about this development. We need new enthusiasm on how we grow our city and a good recreation facility is so important today. A strong recreation program doesn't generate the most money, but it meets the most needs. Some of these needs, have yet, been able to happen or develop, because we can't measure how successful, we could be or would have been, because we can't bid or host events that have outgrown the limits of the current facility. Mrs. Bain has written many bids for hockey and has been successful in getting a few national and Regional championships in the City. In 2004, the National TELUS Cup (Midget AAA) was in Kenora. It generated a huge amount of dollars for the business of this city. The economy impact was around \$ 1.4 million from that one event. In fact, up until a few years, ago, it was the most fiscal successful events in the history of the National midget's. The legendary fund in partnership with the City and Donny' B purchased new speakers in the arena from this event. The Allan Cup was here, a few years ago, and it also, generated a substantial amount of dollars.

The hurdles of writing bids now are that the arena bid guidelines are more restrictive. She has lists of requirements that our current facility just can't meet. In terms of what this development would mean for ice users, it would be huge. Of all the noncompetitive programs minor hockey continues to grow and move forward but has so much more potential if the ice was available. Everyone claimed doom and gloom for minor hockey when the mill closed yet we have continued to expand in numbers in both girls and boys but we struggle to compete regionally because of lack of quality ice time for our kids to access. Our AA & AAA programs get less ice time than their competitors in the

surrounding area's which means our players have to find more creative ways to develop their skills or go to other communities. Kenora is the only major center in Northwestern Ontario that doesn't have a second ice surface attached to its Recreation Centre. The SIJHL are looking to expand in our City but they are reluctant to come here. She is only one user group who uses the KRC regularly and there are over 10 other organized groups who are always looking for additional ice. Last year, minor hockey ran a program for 8 weeks called First Shift. It is for children who have never played any hockey. Nike provided all the equipment and it was a free program for up to 25 kids. The fees were waived by Hockey Northwestern Ontario. After 8 weeks they had 25 kids that loved hockey, but no extra ice to continue on with this program. The need for the same time for the ice for 6 more weeks could not happen. Tournaments could very easily grow but the constraints of the extra ice make it hard for minor hockey to grow its tournaments. In boys minor hockey, atom and peewee could easily host 24 teams and bantam 20 teams. This would mean an additional 18-20 teams staying at hotels and eating in the city, on three weekends in the winter which is usually a dead time for the downtown business. It is the city's responsibility to subsidize personal growth and positive experiences for as many of the citizens of Kenora as possible. We have a very high sense of community in this city. We need to move this project forward, it has been studied to death. The demonstrated need is there and we need to move this project forward. It is reflected in the business case and all the public meetings.

Mayor Canfield left meeting at 6:20 p.m., Deputy Mayor Reynard took the Chair.

Matthew Favreau a student of TA high school presented a youth's perspective on the development. Matthew began hockey at age of 4. He has seen over the years that at the beginning of the season his team is filled with an abundance of success but by the end of the season there is a pattern of raised eyebrows. The teams just can't keep up and succeed at the same levels as other players from other communities. This is reasonably explained by the lack of ice time and Kenora players cannot develop as quickly. Matthew expressed that he loves Kenora but we need a more supportive place to live that will invest in our community and address the need to build another rink. There will be long term benefits to all generations but most direct will be my generation and future ones. Youth today do not have the tools to carry on their goals and aspirations without this development. Kids feel they don't belong to anything. The twining of the ice in Kenora will promote not only hockey and other ice sports but will allow and encourage others to join in. It also brings new opportunities for other recreation that may not currently exist. Matthew expressed how much he loves and Kenora and would like to return once done school but wants to see Kenora moving forward with new and extended opportunities for everyone in culture and recreation.

Co-Chairs Judy Bain and Chris Van Wallegham summarized by stating they have presented to many groups and had numerous public meetings. There has been a lot of interest from the community. All of the information is now available for Council to make its decision. There are reoccurring themes throughout all of the presentations, community input and feedback. Council may feel that we can't we afford this development, but Kenora can't afford to not to have it. Chris noted that as a former Councillor he understands the challenges Council faces. The Co-Chairs asked Council to please not let six years of work sit on the shelf. We need a commitment from City Council to once and for all move this development forward. We cannot begin to solicit funds if City Council is not committed to the development.

Acting Mayor Reynard asked for questions from Council.

Councillor Goss questioned what demographic studies have been done. Warren Thompson noted that the investment in this facility is making it an accessible facility, so we don't have barriers in accessing it. Recreation is not just hockey, multipurpose space provides space for other programming. Good health and healthy living. With this facility you can work with diverse range of programming not available today. Without it you have a challenge, with it you can work with the aging demographic and develop and offer programs for the aging demographic. There are many services/programs needed and we need facilities that support that. Active living and being active and socially engaged in your community are the precautionary things you can take. This is a multipurpose facility. Colleen Neil added to Warren Thompsons comments on demographics. We have a very active girls hockey program, yet we have nowhere for women to play hockey. If we were to mirror what is available for men's hockey, beyond minor hockey, there is nowhere for women to play. The simple math is to take what we do for men and provide the same for women and there is your second ice surface. We offer one night per week for public skating in Keewatin with no opportunity during prime hours in Kenora. If you don't make a team, you don't get to play. There is no open gym time and nowhere for those kids to go who don't make a team. We have to do better.

Colleen expressed that demographics don't always match the national average. A quick snap shot of every day what we see is our current facility is jam packed. The gaps that have been identified over and over again is that we are growing, programs are growing, demand is growing, but the facility is not growing with any of it. How do we partner with our health care partners to provide recreation opportunities, not just as a sports centre but a culture overall centre without this development? We are the hub of the community, and should be a focal point for everyone to be part of.

Councillor Roussin noted that this project is an excellent thing and will support it, however, but as a Councillor sitting in this room and going through budgeting it will be difficult. Property taxes are too high and they keep growing. Council is constantly approached with fixing roads, potholes, obligations to provincial government to fulfill the asset management plan. Councillor Roussin referenced the \$7.4 million annual deficit for infrastructure. Come forward January 1, 2014 put asset management plan and based on those services in 2012 we had to provide an additional 2.2% to comply with the asset management plan. 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 we have not committed that total funding. We are only committing a half a percent to one percent. If we don't commit the funds to the asset management plan any additional funding could be refused until we comply with that. With the Keewatin bridge, we made 3 applications and have been turned down. We have been turned down for infrastructure funding for our completion downtown revitalization project. Seniors want commitment from City that we will commit funding to housing. Now we are involved in a health care problem. Community groups are looking at the City to fund an advocacy group for health care in Kenora. There just isn't enough to go around.

Councillor Roussin agreed that we have gone through this process and there is a demand for it. He agreed that it is probably a great thing but Council has just gone through another budgeting process and he is concerned at what that the impact would be if the city agreed to this and what we would have to spend to diversify our economy. The asset management plan is only in phase 1 but January 1, 2017 we have to have phase 2 to the plan. Analyzing all our commitments we have and this reflects the demand for our capital

principal and interest is an over 2% tax rate increase to fund this. One more session that has to be dealt with here is to look for input to deal with funding issues that are facing the City of Kenora now.

Councillor Smith wanted to ask a question of Dean. Seven Generations Centre on the books right now also has a conference centre. She questioned if the committee has looked at that and how it will affect this project. Also, the Casino development talked about an events centre. What would these things mean to this project? It was explained that their facility is intended to support their educational goals. They are expecting to make revenue out of this facility and at this time they are not sure that it is a good fit for things like a theatre group. That facility is in support of the educational program. It is not a gym, and will not be a facility for any kind of athletic programs. The creation of that performance center actually removes another gym from the City for recreation programs to access for use. It is a very specific size 250 seats with no lighting system, no sound system. Theatre or other types of musical performances are not part of their facility plans as they want to focus on educational programming. It doesn't mean it can't evolve, and no one can predict the future but what we know today is that their focus started as their educational programs.

Councillor Smith emphasized that she agrees recreation is important and we know that. However, we have a beaches, parks and trails study, along with numerous other studies that the City can't address all the recommendations from the study.

What makes it difficult and challenging for councils is if you strictly look at financials you sometimes don't always understand the true value and costs for the community. What you don't see is the higher costs that the community pays for by the lack of activity and other things socially that get affected. You don't avoid core replacement of core infrastructure. Strategic investment is a different thing. If you can increase the number of people in the community you have indirect benefits that aren't direct financial benefits to the municipality. For example, if you draw in a new business along with new community members, that spreads the mathematics of new tax base. Mill rates are a tough thing but if a number of people leave or they are simply getting older with nothing to do, they will go to another community to obtain services. Strategic investment is an important thing and that makes it a very tough decision. Council needs to look at if this is for the betterment of our community as a whole and can be much more complex than dealing with capital dollars.

Councillor Wasacase expressed that the Committee and Council has been at this for six years. He questioned what was the report back to previous councils from the committee? The timelines were explained to Council on the history of this project. Councillor Wasacase further questioned how this affects or will benefit our neighbours of the First Nations. Colleen explained that we do not gather statistics on gender or ethnicity, only on overall use. There are many First Nations groups that use the facility but we don't collect data or report use based on culture. Councillor Wasacase expressed that we need to see where we have possibilities and it is a great project. He doesn't think it is impossible with the large enthusiasm and optimism we have from the public.

Councillor Smith questioned the ability to host concerts and how the floor would work in the events portion of the building. It was explained that it is a replaceable floor and that cost is already built into the capital cost investment presented to Council today. The floor covering is universal and goes in and out very quickly.

Councillor Reynard thanked the volunteer committee for the work done and the volunteer speakers today, Matthew Favreau, Shannon Robinson, Dean Carrie who are not part of the Event Centre Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.