



## Committee of the Whole Report

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<b>Report Number:</b>	<b>CS2022-06</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 8, 2022
<b>Title:</b>	<b>CS2022-06 – Outdoor Rink Surfaces</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Information regarding outdoor rink surfaces within the City of Kawartha Lakes.
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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report **CS2022-06, Outdoor Rink Surfaces**, be received; and,

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

At the Council Meeting of February 23, 2021, Council adopted the following resolution:

### **CR2021-109**

**That the correspondence from Allen Irvine, regarding the Construction of an Outdoor Rink, be received; and**

**That issue of the Construction of Outdoor Rinks within the City of Kawartha Lakes be referred to staff for review and report back by the end of Q3, 2021.**

This report addresses that direction.

## **Rationale:**

On February 23, 2021 Council received correspondence from Allen Irvine regarding the potential of an outdoor hockey rink (Appendix A). The correspondence was proposing the need for an outdoor hockey rink (artificial/refrigerated surface) with full amenities serving it (ie., ice plant, lights, change rooms, benches, boards, etc). An outdoor artificial ice surface could have capital costs upwards of \$4,000,000. Operational costs would be significant and are typically greater than an indoor facility.

The City of Kawartha Lakes has 9 indoor ice surfaces. None of these facilities are utilized at 100% capacity. Multiple reports/studies have indicated that the City is over supplied with artificial ice surfaces. As a result, the City closed the Ops Community Centre (arena) in 2020 with no plan for replacement.

In 2021 the City opened the new artificial loop skating surface at Logie Park in Lindsay. This has indoor heated change rooms and washrooms included in it's amenities for participant use and comfort and is heavily used.

The City also offers approximately 10 outdoor natural skating rinks across the City which are operated by volunteer groups. These rinks exist or have existed in the communities of Lindsay, Burnt River, Bobcaygeon, Coboconk and Norland. While they are natural ice surfaces and are not managed by rental permits and do not provide amenities such as change rooms, lights, boards, etc. they are heavily used by the public.

Finally, there is a plan and staff are preparing for inclusion in the 2023 Capital Budget deliberation, as per Council direction, a project for a concrete pad and shelter style of covering for the outdoor naturalized ice surface in Norland at Ward Memorial Park (Norland Recreation Centre). This will allow for a longer seasonal period of outdoor ice in the northern reaches of the City of Kawartha Lakes.

There is a vast supply of ice surfaces that currently exist in the City of Kawartha Lakes, between indoor artificial ice surfaces, outdoor natural ice rinks and the Logie Park skating loop, and when also considering that the City made the recent decision to reduce the number of indoor artificial ice surfaces in the City's portfolio, with no planned replacement facility, staff are not recommending the construction of an outdoor artificial ice facility at this time.

### **Other Alternatives Considered:**

There are no other alternatives being suggested at this time.

### **Alignment to Strategic Priorities**

This report aligns with the strategic priorities within the 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan of:

1. An Exceptional Quality of Life
2. Good Government

The Strategic Plan is available on SharePoint at the following link:

[Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#)

### **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

There are no financial impacts associated with this report. If Council chooses to consider this project for a future year, there would be an impact on a future capital budget requirement.

### **Consultations:**

Manager of Parks and Recreation

**Attachments:**

Appendix A: Correspondence from February 23, 2021 Council Meeting – Allen Irvine



Appendix A  
CS2022-006.pdf

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