



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** North Arena Update - Life-Cycle Audit

**Meeting Date:** June 23, 2020

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### **Executive Summary:**

Rising from the 2020 budget process, Council signaled for the closure and of the North Arena of which the 2020 Budget reflected the closure. That being said, no budget has been set aside for the removal of the infrastructure.

Subject to Cold Lake Minor Hockey's Delegation, Council requested for an industry assessment on the present life-cycle of the North Arena and referred the issue to Council's Corporate Priorities Committee for a broader discussion on the future of the North Arena.

During Council's Corporate Priorities Committee meeting administration provided an update that an industry assessment on the present life-cycle of the North Arena has commenced. The review will take 2 to 4 months to complete.

It was also noted that the Inter-Municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) would likely be impacted if Council should close the facility.

Council's Corporate Priorities Committee is recommending that Council authorize administration to commence with 2020/2021 season for ice making and make the arena available of user groups consistent to previous years.

### **Background:**

Administration is in process of retaining engineering's to complete two (2) distinctive disciplines respecting the life-cycle assessment on the North Arena e.g. structural and ice floor/making.

On June 12, 2020, administration has received a proposal to review the ice floor/making from an industry expert. Administration has signaled the award. Administration anticipates the life-cycle assessment to Council early September.

Administration is seeking for clear direction from City Council on the future of the North Arena for at least the next 12 months. At this time no budget has been established for the operation of the 2020/21 ice season. Administration forecasts an operating budget for the 2020/21 season in the magnitude of \$300,000 (\$150,000 for the remainder of 2020).



Further to the above, Council has been advised (in-camera) on the Inter-Municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) as it relates to the North Arena.

If Council has any hesitation on the future operations of the Cold Lake North Arena, it is recommended that the operations continue until a final decision is made. There will be no going back once the system is decommissioned.

**Alternatives:**

Council may consider the following options:

1. Continue with the closure of the North Arena – Council is aware of the impacts to the Local Minor Sport Organizations including Cold Lake Minor Hockey and Lakeland Lacrosse Association and the potential impacts to the ICF.
2. Closure of the North Arena (Specifically to ice making) – As Council is aware, the Lakeland Lacrosse Association has previous expressed usage of the facility.
3. The Cold Lake North Arena remain commissioned for the next 12 months while the life-cycle assessment is being completed and pending budget decisions, as required.

**Recommended Action:**

That Council pass a motion to authorize administration maintain the operations at the Cold Lake North Arena for the 2020/2021 winter season and refer the future operations and budget implications to the 2021 Budget Deliberations.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

Yes

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