

Councillor Request for Information

Included on Agenda

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Thursday)

Added Item

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Monday)

Date of Council Meeting: April 24, 2007

Subject: Third Ice Surface, Cole Harbour Place

Request:

Please add the above-noted item to the April 24th Regional Council Agenda.

Reason:

Cole Harbour Place (CHP), may hold part of the solution to HRM's deficiency in ice surfaces. With the pending closure of the Akerley Campus rink, pressures are being brought to bear on our Minor Hockey programs in Cole Harbour and surrounding areas. The age level effected most by the loss of the Akerley surface, are the Novice and Adam age groups. There are several reasons why it makes sense to look at expanding CHP to include a third ice surface. Among them: CHP is owned by HRM; the serviced land surrounding the facility is owned by HRM; in this year's Capital budget, \$200,000, is earmarked for a freestanding washroom facility for Forest Hills Commons, adjacent to CHP, which could be incorporated; operational costs of additional ice surface would be minimized as an add-on to the existing operation of CHP; in addition, this year some \$100,000 is earmarked for Capital upgrades to CHP; plans to replace CHP's ice chilling capacity with a new, environmentally friendly, heat recovery (GREEN) system with the ability to add a third ice surface, which could be used in the Summer as a lacrosse facility.

Based on the above, I would ask staff to review the potential to combine the project noted above and any other synergies identified in respect of this proposal.

I would like this response as:

- Email to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerk's Office
- Memo to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerk's Office
- Information Report to Community Council Regional Council
- Recommendation Report to Community Council Regional Council

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