



Mayor and Council

The Newcastle Memorial Arena Board would like to express their support and interest to proceed with Staff Report CSD-002-22.

Newcastle Memorial Arena Board members have met with George Acorn and his staff to discuss the findings of the I.B. Storey report that summarised the assessment of the refrigeration plant equipment, the refrigerated arena floors/associated piping, the rink board/glass systems, and de-humidification systems that was completed in August of 2020.

Several items identified in this report are very concerning to the Arena Board. We were pleased to have a new ammonia chiller installed this past summer and are anxious to have plans for the remaining repairs and refurbishments identified in the report. The I.B. Storey report completed in 2020 recommended these items be completed "as soon as possible" for the safe and continued operation of the arena. Staff Report CSD-002-22 recommends the work be completed in 2023. Without these repairs and refurbishments there is a significant risk that a failure in these systems could leave the Newcastle and Clarington community users without a local arena.

The Arena Board/Operations has self funded several minor improvements to the arena over the last few years - like new flooring in the lobby and washrooms, replacing the washroom fixtures with automatic sensors and have plans to replace our ice resurfacer in the near future, after these repairs and refurbishments have been completed at a current estimated cost of \$125,000.

The Newcastle Memorial Arena Board fully supports the recommendations in Staff Report CSD-002-22 and will work with Clarington Staff to coordinate the plans and timing for the renovations required. We appreciate the support the Municipality provides to the Newcastle Memorial Arena and Board and look forward to resolving the issues identified with the aged infrastructure of the arena.

Sincerely

David Bouma

Chair

Newcastle Memorial Arena Board