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City of Port Moody Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: October 7, 2020
Submitted by: Community Services Department – Recreation Services Division
Subject: Sports Group Access to Arena Dressing Rooms

Purpose

To seek Council direction regarding the opening of dressing rooms in Arenas 1 and 2.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the report dated October 7, 2020 from the Community Services Department – Recreation Services Division regarding Sports Group Access to Arena Dressing Rooms be received for information.

Background

A number of sports organizations, including the Port Moody Panthers Hockey Club, are requesting access to dressing rooms for game play.

There are four sources of information used by Recreation Services when opening additional facilities and activities to the public. The first is the City of Port Moody's Moving Forward plan, which provides a phased approach for opening services and prioritizes the safety of staff and the public. The other three sources are the Provincial Health Office's (PHO) Restart Plan¹ and public health orders, the BC Parks and Recreation Association (BCRPA) Guideline for Restarting Operations², and viaSport's Return to Sport Guidelines³.

The PHO provides detailed regulations designed to manage COVID-19 numbers. The BCRPA advocates for municipal parks and recreation services and provides guidelines on safely opening up recreation services. viaSport plays an advocacy role for Provincial Sports Organizations (PSO) in BC and provides guidance to PSOs, who in turn guide the local sports organizations (LSO) on how to safely restart sports. The Provincial Health Office, BC Parks and Recreation Association, and viaSport have been working closely together to coordinate safely reintroducing sports in BC.

¹ https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support?utm_campaign=20200506_GCPE_AM_COVID_9_NOTIFICATION_BCGOV_BCGOV_EN_BC_NOTIFICATION

² <https://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/media/242766/bcrpa-restarting-guidelines-final.pdf>

³ [https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Phase 3 Return to Sport Guidelines web 09-30-2020.pdf](https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Phase%203%20Return%20to%20Sport%20Guidelines%20web%2009-30-2020.pdf)

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As sports organizations moved into Phase 3 of viaSport's restart plan, competitive play was introduced by sports like hockey. Some of the regulations that had been put in place during Phase 1 and Phase 2, including limits on the number of skaters on the ice at one time and the two-metre distancing requirement on benches and in dressing rooms made it difficult to return to traditional competition. viaSport had been advocating to the PHO to include the benches and the dressing rooms as part of the "field of play", meaning that the two-metre distancing requirement would not apply to player benches or dressing rooms. On September 25, 2020, the PHO announced that player benches are now considered part of the field of play, but they did not make the same announcement about dressing rooms.

Discussion

A number of sports organizations have requested access to dressing rooms. When looking at opening dressing rooms, there are a number of factors that must be considered to promote staff and public safety.

Player Numbers

Minor hockey is estimating 17 players for each team and Junior hockey would like to have up to 20 players per team using the dressing rooms. Team use of the dressing rooms could be accommodated, but mask use would be required as physical distancing would not be practicable while changing.

Cleaning Time

With COVID-19, the term "high-touch point" refers to things in public spaces that are likely to be touched by multiple people. Some examples include doors, handles, seats, benches, arena gates, and washroom fixtures. Current cleaning practice includes extra time for cleaning high-touch points between groups and the time between bookings was increased from 15 minutes to 30 minutes to accommodate the additional cleaning. Teams arrive 15 minutes before their start time and are given 10 minutes to leave the facility afterwards.

A machine called a Fogger disperses a mist of disinfectant cleaner over a high-touch surfaces, killing the virus that causes COVID-19. To be effective, the cleaner that is misted onto surfaces by the Fogger must be allowed to dry for 10 minutes. In addition to fogging, cleaning of high-touch surfaces is also performed at the end of each day.

Staffing

In order to facilitate the additional cleaning of the dressing rooms in a short period of time, additional staffing will be required.

Staff estimate the additional cleaning to be approximately nine hours per day, on average. If dressing rooms were made available for the remainder of the 2020-2021 season, from November 1, 2020 to March 27, 2021, the total cost would be approximately \$63,500.

November 1-December 31, 2020	\$25,400
January 2-March 27, 2021	<u>\$38,100</u>
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If the City continues to operate at Phase 3 of the Restart Plan in fall of 2021, a further \$50,800 will be required to maintain this level of service from September 1 to December 31, 2021.

Other Option(s)

1. THAT the current status be maintained and access not be provided to arena dressing rooms.
2. THAT use of one arena dressing room per team be permitted 15 minutes before and 10 minutes after each game, with all team members required to wear masks while using arena dressing rooms, as outlined in the report dated October 7, 2020 from the Community Services Department – Recreation Services Division regarding Sports Group Access to Arena Dressing Rooms;

AND THAT a budget of \$63,500 be forwarded to the Finance Committee for identification of a funding source.

Financial Implications

If Council chooses to permit use of the arena dressing rooms by ice user groups from November 1, 2020 to March 27, 2021, the following operating funds would be required:

November 1-December 31, 2020	\$25,400
January 2-March 27, 2021	<u>\$38,100</u>
	\$63,500

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

If Council chooses to permit use of the arena dressing rooms by ice user groups, staff will communicate procedures and requirements to the relevant groups.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

This report aligns with the Council Strategic Plan Objective of ensuring Port Moody is a safe place where local government and public safety agencies are prepared to address natural disasters and other emergencies.

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