

Ice Allocation Policy Revision

**General Committee
February 16th, 2016**

Purpose

- In June of 2015 the Recreation Department made a presentation to General Committee on the Ice Allocation Policy and the need for change to the process.
- The Recreation Department has worked with the user groups to establish a new Ice Allocation Policy and Process.
- The purpose of this report to Council is to provide a summary of the changes being proposed and to seek approval to proceed with the Policy Revisions.

Review Process

Presentation to Council June 2015	Provide Council with: • Understanding of the ongoing issues • Options being discussed with User Groups • Information regarding potential impacts • Timeline for review
User Group Consultation- unallocated Ice June-Oct 2015	Provide group with options for discussion: • 10 individual group meetings • Group meeting in September to share feedback and present options
November 2015	Final group meeting with all user groups to present two options based on feedback from previous meetings.
Report back to council February 2016	Upon completion of User Group Consultation Report back to Council with Recommended Option
Communication plan and implementation February 2016	In preparation for ice allocation for the 2016/2017 season communicate any changes to allocation process to User Groups

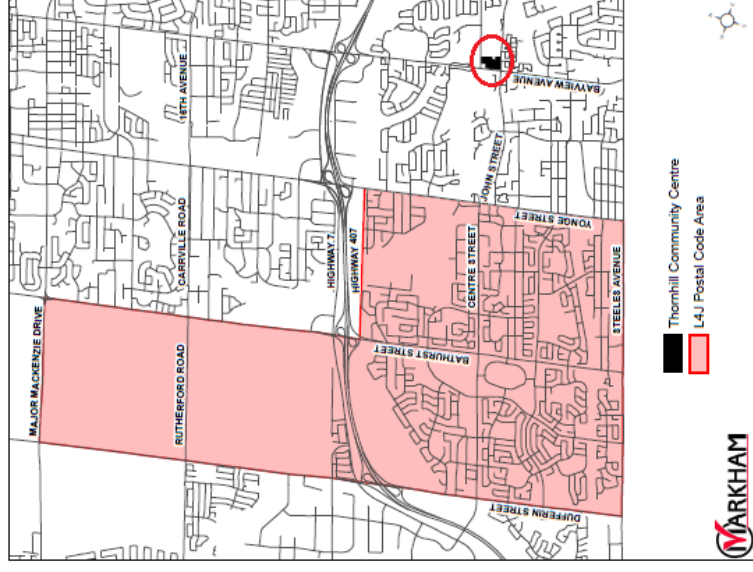
Proposed Allocation Model

Key points from User Groups

- The ice allocation should ensure that priority is given to both children/youth and residency;
- No club wants to see another Club shut down;
- Need to respect history of Clubs even if they have a higher percentage of non-residents;
- To continue to support historic groups consideration should be given to 'grandfather' a certain amount of extra ice hours to groups who have received them in the past;
- Suggested a phase in period for any changes to allow groups times to adjust

Thornhill Community Hockey League (TCHL) Residency Concession

- All clubs agreed to support the TCHL by giving concessions to reflect the long standing history of the TCHL in Markham
- L4J residents have been included in the TCHL numbers.
- L4J is Thornhill Vaughan only and no other areas of Vaughan have been considered.
- Without this concession TCHL would be negatively impacted, and potentially could close them down.



Proposed Allocation Model

The proposed Ice allocation model has three parts:

- **Part A- Categories**
 - Places all current ice users in the City into specific categories. E.g. Community Hockey (see categories below)
 - Allocate to each activity category a percentage of the available prime time ice (based on actual ice usage)
- **Part B- Formula**
 - Within the assigned categories, allocation would be made by using residency to divide ice between similar user groups.
 - Each club is allocated a percentage of ice based on residency.
- **Part C - Distribution of Shoulder Time**
 - Distributes the early and late prime hours (shoulder time) more equitably among all user groups including the City of Markham programs.

Proposed Allocation Model

Part A Categories

- Allocates ice time based according to group classifications.

Category	Percentage of Ice
Community Youth Hockey	29.5%
Community Figure Skating	14%
Competitive Youth Hockey	27%
City Programs	7%
Public Access	6%
Competitive Jr. Hockey	1%
Community Adult Hockey	13%
Commercial	1%
Available Ice	1.5%

Proposed Allocation Model

Part B Formula

Ice is allocated within a group based on the following formula:

Weekly Time Allocation (hrs)

$$= \text{prime time ice available per week } x\% \text{ of ice allocated to classification type } x \\ [\text{League residents} \div \text{Total residents in category}]$$

The formula would be applied as follows:

$$= 670 \text{ hrs} \times 29.5\% \times [550 \text{ residents in ABC Hockey} \div 2250 \text{ Community Youth Residents}] = 61 \text{ hours}$$

Category	Markham Participants	Allocation %	Proposed Allocated hours	Current hours	Gain/loss
Community Youth Hockey 29.5% (198.5 hrs)					
Markham Minor Hockey	669	31%	61	50	+11
Markham Stouffville Girls House League	143	7%	14	13	+1
Markham Ringette	117	5%	10	12	-2
Unionville Minor Hockey	827	38%	75	70.5	+4.5
Thornhill Community Hockey League*	<u>408</u>	19%	37.5	52	-13.5
	2164				
Community Youth Figure skating 14% (95 hrs)					
Unionville Skating Club	444	30%	28.5	34	-5.5
Markham Skating Club	636	43%	41	30	+11
Thornhill Skating Club	300	21%	20	25	-5
Markham Speed Skating	<u>83</u>	6%	6	6	0
	1463				
Competitive Youth 27.0% (181 hrs)					
Markham Stouffville Girls Rep League	101	14%	25	19	+6
Markham Waxers	403	55%	100	97.5	+2.5
Markham Islanders	<u>225</u>	31%	56	64.5	-8.5
	729				
City Programs 7% (45 hrs)					
Public Access 6% (38.5 hrs)			45	45	
**Competitive Jr. Hockey 1% (7 hrs)			38.5	38.5	
**Community Adult Hockey/Rentals 13% (91 hrs)			7	7	
**Commercial 1% (7 hrs)			91	91	
**Available Ice 1% (7.5hrs)			7	7	
Total Prime Time Hours			670	670	

Proposed Allocation Model

Part C Distribution of Shoulder Time

Currently the Allocations Policy does not fairly distribute this shoulder time. Shoulder time is to be allocated to all users based on % of ice used per category. Shoulder time is within the total allocation as outlined in Part B and it is mandatory.

- **Prime time ice is defined as 4:00pm to 11:00pm Monday to Friday and 7:00am to 11:00pm Saturday and Sunday.**
- **The preferred band of ice time is identified as:**
 - Monday to Friday 5:00pm to 10:00pm
 - Saturday and Sunday 8:00am to 10:00pm
- **The bands of shoulder ice time are identified as:**
 - Monday to Friday 4:00pm to 5:00pm & 10:00pm to 11:00pm
 - Saturday and Sunday 7:00am to 8:00am & 10:00pm to 11:00pm

Category	Markham Participants	Allocation %	Required shoulder time	Existing shoulder time	Gain /Loss
Community Youth Hockey (28 hrs)					
Markham Minor Hockey	669	31%	9	4	+5
Markham Stouffville Girls House League	143	7%	2	1	+1
Markham Ringette	117	5%	1	0	+1
Unionville Minor Hockey	827	38%	11	6	+5
Thornhill Community Hockey League	408	19%	5	3	+2
	2265				
Community Youth Figure skating (14 hrs)					
Unionville Skating Club	444	30%	4	5	-1
Markham Skating Club	636	43%	6	5	+1
Thornhill Skating Club	300	21%	3	6	-3
Markham Speed Skating	83	6%	1	0	+1
	1463				
Competitive Youth (26 hrs)					
Markham Stouffville Girls Rep League	101	14%	4	0	+4
Markham Waxers	403	55%	14	15	-1
Markham Islanders	<u>225</u>	31%	8	6	+2
	628				
City Programs total (6 hrs)			6	14	-7
Public Access total (6 hrs)			6	7	-1

Next Steps

- The ice allocation process for the 2016-2017 season has begun.
- User groups have been asked to submit their roster numbers by February 12th once all user numbers have been submitted they will be verified and residency confirmed.
- A meeting will be held in March with user groups to discuss the new allocation and work to reschedule the ice in a phased in period.
- Contracts to be issued by April to all user groups for the 2016-2017 season.

Presentation to Council	User Group Consultation-Extra Ice	Final user group meeting	Report back to council	Communication plan and implementation	Work with groups top build new schedule	Contracts out to user groups
2015	June-Sept 2015	November 2016	February 2016	January 2016	March 2016	April 2016

Questions ?