

Ice Allocation Update Presentation

General Committee

June 1, 2015



Purpose

- In spring of 2013 the Recreation Department made a presentation to General Committee on the ice allocation process.
- Included was a list of recommendations on proposed changes to the ice allocation process.
 - Extra Ice
 - % Distribution to Adult Groups
 - Review of Allocations formula
- The purpose of this presentation is to update Council on the process to initiate change to the extra ice allocation process.
- Staff to report back to Council in November 2015 with recommended option.

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- Extra Ice June-Sept 2015	Provide group with options for discussion: • Review impacts/identify solutions • Discuss additional alternative solution • Develop recommendation from User Groups
Report back to council November 2015	Upon completion of User Group Consultation Report back to Council with Recommended Option
Communication plan and implementation January 2016	In preparation for ice allocation for the 2016/2017 season communicate any changes to allocation process to User Groups

Background

- The Facility Allocations Office coordinates the distribution of 670 hours of allocated ice weekly in 10 community arenas to 15 community user groups, numerous private rentals, public skating and recreation programs.
- Last review of ice allocation policy was in 2006
- Significant growth in the community has created challenges with the equitable distribution of ice.

Policy Principles

The policy:

- Ensures the distribution of City facilities in a fair and equitable manner, respecting issues of accessibility.
- Gives priority to Children and Youth.
- Gives priority to Markham residents.

Current Situation

Allocated Ice

- Ice is allocated during prime time to youth leagues through a formula
- Ice is allocated during prime time to adult leagues based on historical use
- Prime Time ice :
 - Monday-Friday 4:00pm – 11:00pm
 - Saturday and Sunday 7:00am – 11:00pm.
- 98.5% of prime time ice is occupied. (659.95hrs of a total 670hrs)

For the 2014-2015 season youth leagues in Markham purchased an additional 81 hours of ice outside of Markham at private facilities or other municipalities.

1 Arena	Hours
	67hrs Prime Time ice
	<u>40hrs Non Prime Time Ice</u>
	107 Total Hours per arena

Current Situation

User Group (based on 2014/2015	Entitled Ice Hours (based on residency)	Extra Ice Hours	Total Ice Hours
Markham Waxers	72.5	25.0	97.5
Markham Islanders	44.0	20.5	64.5
Markham Minor Hockey Association	47.0	3.0	50.0
Markham Stouffville Girls Hockey League	32.0	0.0	32.0
Markham Ringette	12.0	0.0	12.0
Unionville Minor Hockey Association	59.0	11.5	70.5
Thornhill Community Hockey League	18.0	34.0	52.0
Unionville Skating Club	34.0	0.0	34.0
Markham Skating Club	30.0	0.0	30.0
Thornhill Skating Club	24.0	1.0	25.0
Markham Speed Skating Club	6.0	0.0	6.0
Blue Ice Jets	7.0	0.0	7.0
Adult Leagues	28.0	0.0	28.0
Rentals	66.0		66.0
Programs	45.0		45.0
Sledge	2.0		2.0
Public	37.5		37.5
Available	11.0		11.0
Total	575.0	95.0	670.0

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Review

Extra Ice

- **14%** (95 hours) of ice time is considered extra ice
- There is no current model or formula to allocate the extra ice - only historical practice (rolled over each year)
- Several groups with a high percentage of **residents** have historically received less extra ice, while groups with a high percentage of **non residents** are receiving more of the extra ice
- Groups have come to depend on this extra ice to support their respective organizations.
- Principle of review is to look at the impact of creating a allocation formula for extra ice which acknowledges residency as a priority.

Extra Ice Allocation- Scenario 1

Status Quo

- Continue to allocate extra ice based on past practice

Scenario 1 Impacts

- Groups with high percentage of residents have identified they require more “extra ice” to support club growth/development
- Groups with high residency will continue to identify this as an inequitable/unfair practice.

Scenario 2

- Distribute extra ice based on % of entitled ice hours received through allocation formula – giving priority to clubs with higher % of youth who live in Markham.

Scenario 2- Continued

User Group Based on 2014/2015 season	Ice Entitlement (based on residency)	% of Total Entitlement	Current Extra ice Hours	Revised Extra Hrs. By %	Impact +/- hours
Markham Waxers	72.5	18.8	25	17.9	-7.1
Markham Islanders	44	11.4	20.5	10.8	-9.7
Markham Minor Hockey Association	47	12.2	3	11.6	8.6
Markham Stouffville Girls Hockey League	32	8.3	0	7.9	7.9
Markham Ringette	12	3.1	0	3.0	3.0
Unionville Minor Hockey Association	59	15.3	11.5	14.5	3.0
Thornhill Community Hockey League	18	4.7	34	4.4	-29.6
Unionville Skating Club	34	8.8	0	8.4	8.4
Markham Skating Club	30	7.8	0	7.4	7.4
Thornhill Skating Club	24	6.2	1	5.9	4.9
Markham Speed Skating Club	6	1.5	0	1.5	1.5
Blue Ice Jets	7	1.8	0	1.7	1.7

Scenario 2 -Impacts

- This option will affect a number of groups with high percentage of “non residents” that currently receive the highest percentage of extra ice.
- Thornhill Community Hockey League (TCHL) would lose 30 hours per week.
- TCHL could find it difficult to operate with a reduction of hours of this quantity.

Scenario 3

- Change the allocation formulas to allocate 100% of available time and eliminate the extra time component the of Allocation Policy.

Scenario 3- Impacts

- Clubs with a lower percentage of residents will receive less time with no option to purchase additional time.
- Most impacted would be Thornhill Community Hockey League – high % of non resident youth as a result of their catchment area being outside of the City of Markham
- Rep hockey clubs use non residents to compete at the highest levels
- Some clubs do not require additional time and may not be interested in having the added financial cost.

Next Steps

- Ice allocation process for the 2015-2016 season has begun.
- An initial meeting with the user groups was conducted in February to discuss extra ice.
- Staff to continue user group consultation – report back to Council November 2015.

Presentation to Council	User Group Consultation- Extra Ice	Report back to council	Communication plan and implementation
2015	June-Sept 2015	November 2015	January 2016

Questions