

Department 43 – Ennismore Community Centre

Overview



The ice rental, sponsorship, community hall and summer rental revenues and expenses are captured in this department. The 2023 budget for the Ennismore Community Centre forecasted a deficit. Deficits in both arenas are funded in the following year's budget by a transfer from OMPF. The 2024 budget accounts for another deficit which will be brought forward to the following year's budget and again funded from OMPF.

At year-end it is expected that the 2023 deficit will be significantly lower than forecast. This was due to strong Fall ice rentals in 2023, extended minor hockey regular season rentals, strong summer rentals and several regular hall rentals for fitness, dance and community programming. Increased part-time staff scheduling to manage increased cleaning protocols in the spring of 2023 also resulted in slightly higher operating costs.

The approved arena opening schedule had the Lakefield Arena opening first in 2023. The Ennismore opening was on September 15th which was later than previous years since the Lakefield Arena was first to open based on the association agreed upon opening schedule. The OHF mandated a later start to the minor hockey tryouts and regular season to better align its schedule to the colder ice season timeline. The OHF also extended the regular season by instituting tournament style playoffs in April each year. In 2024, the arena operations are expected to continue at normal levels (pre-pandemic) with the Ennismore Arena opening first on Sept 6th, 2024.

Revenue

The major sources of revenue are ice rentals, floor rentals, hall rentals, canteen operations, pro shop rental, bar revenues and other miscellaneous receipts such as advertising and sponsorships. Weekday senior public skating started in October and is fully sponsored. Public Skating is also sponsored except for a couple of dates. The Township's Tariff of Fees By-law provides for an annual CPI increase to arena rental rates. Given the high CPI values due to inflation, a 3% rate increase has been applied to the 2024 rates and factored into the budget.

Community user groups including minor hockey, the Optimist learn to skate and adult hockey continue to use the majority of ice rentals. The OHF's mandated realignment of the hockey season to better match the winter season along with the increase in day-time rentals by seniors' pick-up hockey groups resulted in positive changes for arena revenues which are anticipated to continue in 2024. The OHF changes will keep kids active on the ice from mid-September to mid-March which ensures the arenas are continuously used throughout the winter and the arena revenues remain stable for the entire winter.

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The 2024 budget provides for the Ennismore arena to open first. The Canteen and Pro Shop will continue normal operations in 2024. Staff will continue to monitor operations to maximize the financial contributions of the Canteen and the Pro Shop.

The taxation contribution to this Department includes the direct ice rate subsidy per hour (difference between the minor sport and prime time rates) and the costs related to insurance, elevator licence, monitoring and maintenance and the ice resurfacer transfer, totalling \$102,169.

Expenditures

The budget provides for the wages and salaries, materials, supplies and services required for a typical year of operations. Although increased rentals have a positive impact on revenues, there is a corresponding expense related to salaries to support these increased rentals. Increased fuel and energy costs have also been factored in the 2024 expenditures.

The Transfer to reserves includes \$10,000 for future replacement of the ice resurfacer. This transfer is also funded through an IFT from Taxation.

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GL Account	Details	2022 Year End Actuals	2022 Approved Budget	2023 Year to Date Actuals	2023 Approved Budget	2024 Proposed Budget
Revenues						
Grants and Receipts		73,474	77,038	38,688	38,688	39,358
Operating Sales - Revenues & Fees		329,882	214,969	411,579	286,469	419,528
Taxation		77,193	77,193	87,663	87,663	102,169
Transfers In		-65,038	28,006	-38,688	28,343	-34,358
Total Revenues		415,511	397,206	499,242	441,163	526,697
Expenses						
Salaries & Benefits		229,769	203,244	261,292	209,272	270,187
Admin & Overhead		27,114	8,250	39,446	30,235	40,198
Services Hired		39,395	39,395	46,372	46,372	47,640
Communications		4,485	4,269	4,744	4,269	4,348
Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance		11,977	18,700	27,486	24,400	17,900
Building Expenses		123,022	101,348	144,260	116,615	131,424
Capital Purchases		8,436	12,000	0	0	5,000
Transfers Out		-28,688	10,000	-24,358	10,000	10,000
Total Expenses		415,511	397,206	499,242	441,163	526,697
Balance		0	0	0	0	0