



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor S. Arden-Smith,
Councillor G. Cochrane,
Councillor R. Fequet,
Councillor B. Hendriksen,
Councillor C. McGurk,
Councillor T. McLennan, and
Councillor R. Warburton.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

S. Bassi-Kellett,
C. Caljouw,
C. Greencorn,
C. MacLean,
K. Pandoo,
K. Thistle,
C. White,
G. White, and
S. Jovic.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	(For Information Only) Deputy Mayor S. Arden-Smith read the Opening Statement.
2.	(For Information Only) There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.
3.	(For Information Only) Committee accepted for information a memorandum regarding a report regarding Councillor Ben Hendriksen's and Councillor Rob Warburton's travel to Halifax, N.S. to attend the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference from November 7 – 11, 2023.



Committee noted that Council's policies, resolutions or goals include:

#0365-93 It is the policy of the City of Yellowknife that:

1. All City sponsored travel by Yellowknife City Council members, inclusive of the Mayor, be approved by formal resolution of Council either prior to commencement of the travel, or at the first regular Council meeting after commencement of the travel; and
2. Yellowknife City Council members, inclusive of the Mayor, be required to table a detailed expense claim for City sponsored travel within three weeks of their return from City travel. This claim is to be supported by a daily diary detailing City business.

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4. Committee heard a presentation from Eli Purchase, a representative of the Yellowknife Ultimate Club, regarding Fieldhouse surfaces. Mr. Purchase noted that ultimate, rugby and soccer players, the Personnel Support Program and youth groups are all in favour of replacing the fieldhouse's two surfaces with high-quality turf. Mr. Purchase further noted that replacing both fields with turf would improve safety and increase use of the fieldhouse, resulting in more revenue. Mr. Purchase stated that the Fieldhouse is the only facility to play field sports during winter. Mr. Purchase further stated that user groups have looked at convertible surfaces that could meet the needs of both field sports and activities that require harder flooring and would like to share their expertise on these issues with the City.

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5. Committee heard a presentation from Bruce Laurich, a representative of soccer, regarding Fieldhouse surfaces. Mr. Laurich noted that he spoke with a company that installs turf flooring a year ago and that company could replace both fields for \$300,000. Mr. Laurich further noted that user groups would help with installation of new flooring.
6. **Committee discussed Fieldhouse Engagement.**

Committee noted that in 2022, Council allocated approximately \$300,000 for flooring on one of the fields at the Fieldhouse. Committee further noted that replacing the other side of the field is a future project the City is anticipating, with no official date at this time. Committee noted that there are two options:

1. Turf, which would be a similar to the turf that is currently installed inside the Fieldhouse. This option would allow for most of the existing activities and sports at the Fieldhouse, such as soccer, to continue.
2. A multi-use synthetic material that is similar to a gymnasium floor. This option would allow for new programs to be introduced to the facility, such as volleyball or futsal. With this option, trade shows and other activities could also be offered in the off-season.



Committee noted that both options have the advantage of being made up of interlocking sections so that any damage in smaller areas can be easily replaced or repaired. Committee noted that the City is hoping to increase use of the facility in non-peak hours with the upgraded surface.

Committee recommends that Administration conduct additional engagement with the public on the replacement of the playing surfaces at the Fieldhouse and remove all constraints from the conversation (e.g., budget, whether interlocking sections. etc.), including specific opportunities for current and potential fieldhouse user groups to explore added value, and keep a record of specific input that will be made available publicly prior to any decision being made on the playing surface.

MOVE APPROVAL

7. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.