

Fogal says parkland needs near arena must be dealt with

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"I'm appalled at the thought that we would do this without having a future look at how we are going to deal with parkland needs."

Fogal said she wants public input before a decision is made to sell the Memorial Arena site.

Bonnette said council—the members who were present—was unanimous in its decision to sell the Memorial site for the highest dollar.

"I'm stunned that this council would decide to do that in that short order and that it would be a unanimous de-

cision," Fogal said. "I guess I'm out to lunch one more time. I can't believe it."

Fogal last week was the lone councillor to vote against the proposal to build three new arenas in Halton Hills.

But both Councillors Dave Kentner and Bob Inglis pointed out a sale decision is not a fait accompli—the recommendation directed staff to look at strategies and bring them back to council for a decision at that time.

Town Treasurer Ed DeSousa also confirmed the Town has an asset selling protocol that it must follow once a

property is deemed surplus.

However, Bonnette said everyone in the in camera meeting was aware that disposition was the intent. He confirmed the recommendation was not about selling the land, but it was about directing staff to come up with strategies to sell it.

"There is a distinction in my mind," replied Fogal.

Kentner said he had no issue supporting the minutes because it is not binding the council on any future action.

All members of council endorsed the minutes with the exception of Fogal



Memorial Arena is slated for demolition as new ice surfaces are expected to be built during the next four years.

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and Ward 4 Councillor Ann Lawlor. Councillors Bryan Lewis, Jon Hurst and Moya Johnson were absent.

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