

# Money for arena studies approved

## Plans call for twinning of Acton ice pad

The Acton arena could be twinned – possibly with a non-conventional soft sided structure – as part of the Town’s future arena construction program. Councillors instructed staff on Monday to investigate both conventional and non-conventional building solutions to deal with the immediate and future need for six ice pads by 2016.

Staff will prepare the 2011 to 2020 capital budgets and forecasts to include the phased construction of twin pads in Acton and Georgetown. The work will begin with a \$40,000 functional servicing report to determine the best location for the Georgetown twin pad – MoldMasters, the Gellert Centre or the Park – and to look at the existing Acton arena site.

Acton arena users have agreed to pay a \$25 hourly surcharge, beginning with the 2011-2012 season and each year thereafter, to offset some of the debt, but only if the Town made the commitment to twin the Acton arena as part of its arena construction program, even if the Acton twinning didn’t happen until 2014/2015. Staff said the surcharge at all existing arenas could generate between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

While money for property acquisition, design and engineering costs for the Georgetown twin pad are in the current capital budget, \$16.5-million for arena construction costs are not funded. An additional \$10-million would be required to twin the Acton arena.

Both Arena Task Force chair, Councillor Bryan Lewis and Mayor Rick Bonnette said that spending the \$40,000 on the functional services report would keep the momen-

tum of working towards new arenas moving.

Mayor Bonnette said building new arenas could be the big issue for the new council’s term of office, remembering that the days are coming to an end for the aging memorial arena in Georgetown.

“You know we have most of the money for the libraries, we’ve built fire halls this term and the arenas are going to have to be the top priority, in my mind anyway, when we get to the new council,” Bonnette said, adding without new arenas there would be a lot of unhappy families that can’t get their kids into ice skating, hockey or other arena uses.

At Council on Monday,

Regional/Town Councillor Jane Fogal questioned if approving the arena report meant that they were approving almost \$30-mil-

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lion for new arenas.

“There are aspects of this report cause me concerns,” Fogal said, adding the report looks like they are promising \$30-million worth of arenas.

“Then it (the report) goes on to say well, we’ll

do the forecast that’s gone from having a twin pad arena in Georgetown to also adding the twin with the Acton arena, which

all adds up to \$30-million and that starts to scare me

a bit,” Fogal said, asking for assurance that approving the \$40,000 arena servicing study was also not approving millions for new arenas.

Terry Alyman, the Director of Recreation and Parks said they only want approval for the \$40,000 servicing study, although the report introduces a “larger scope of programs” to include the twin pad arenas in Georgetown and Acton, but the costs and financial strategy would be decided by the new coun-

cil, elected in October.

Councillor Lewis reminded councillors that there are youngsters in Acton who are part of the Acton Minor Hockey Association who “don’t play one minute of hockey in Acton” because there is no ice time available for them. He said the initial Georgetown arena study led them to study the needs town-wide which “evolved into a couple of other things,” including the need for more ice in Acton.

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		Collection Moves		Collection Moves	

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