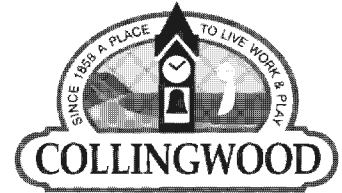

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EXPANDED RECREATION FACILITIES APPROVED FOR COLLINGWOOD

Collingwood, ON – The construction of a new ice arena at Central Park and an enclosure over Centennial Pool were approved at the August 27th meeting of Town Council. The decision addresses two long-standing recreational needs of the community, expanded ice and aquatic facilities. The single-pad arena will be constructed from an Insulated Architectural Membrane and will be built with the option of being twinned in the future with an additional ice surface if required. Centennial Pool will be enclosed by a similar structure, allowing for year-round use of the 6-lane, 25m pool and deck space that will accommodate 250 people. This type of structure is cost-effective, can be LEED Silver Certified, and is constructed in a fraction of the time of a pre-engineered steel building. It is also important to note that the building operational costs are significantly lower than a conventional bricks and mortar building.

“These are two very exciting projects which will meet the long awaited need for increased ice and aquatic amenities in our community. Healthy, active lifestyles are imperative to the overall health and well-being of a community and we feel that these expanded facilities can further this,” remarks Mayor Sandra Cooper. Cooper went on to say that, “numerous Councils, Staff, Consultants, and Advisory Groups as well organizations have provided input for the past 12 years in our concerted effort to provide these basic services. Options explored ranged in cost from 35 million dollars, private/public partnership as well as the most recent option of utilizing the latest technologies in a cost effective manner. At the end of the day Council decided on a cost effective modern solution incorporating the latest Architectural Membrane technologies ensuring residents of all ages these important recreational amenities by spring of 2013.

Community clubs and organizations eager for more time and space for their activities include the Collingwood Clippers Swim Club, Collingwood Skating Club, and Collingwood Minor Hockey. Collingwood Minor Hockey Association (CMHA) President, Jason Henry, notes that “Collingwood Minor Hockey Association is extremely pleased that council has voted to go forward and build a new rink at Central Park. This will enable CMHA to provide enhanced programs for our youth as early as next year, as well, service other user groups who wish to use ice in the Town of Collingwood.”

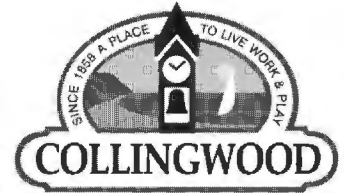
Clippers quote: We could not be more pleased that this Council has chose to act now by providing year round access as a result of this recent approval. Collingwood children along with the many other user groups will now have the facility we have long waited for! Collingwood Skating Club: It has been recognized for many years that Collingwood requires an enclosed second ice surface to service our skating club, minor hockey as well as the many recreational team currently travelling as far as Barrie. The community has good right to celebrate this investment in active lifestyle and enhanced service

The Eddie Bush Memorial Arena is expected to maintain its operations and upgrades are being reviewed. Existing recreation uses at both Central Park and Heritage Park are not expected to be impacted. Municipal staff continues to

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work on the logistics of these projects and the timelines for completion. Further details will be issued as available throughout the process.

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