

Additional Public Input

April 1, 2019

City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council

My name is Gil Jouan and I represent our local St Albert Curling Club as their elected Club President. I am here with my fellow board member, Mr. Bob Forbes who oversees the maintenance of our Ice Plant and Facility Operations.

The purpose of our presentation today is to speak in support of The City's Consent Agenda, in regards to the C-CS-06, Community Capital Grant Program for 2019 and their request for an exemption to the 2 year re-application process.

Currently the St. Abert Curling Club leases the building from the City of St. Albert and operates this recreation and social services facility as a non-profit organization. We just celebrated our 70th Anniversary as a contributing community member to the residents of our fair city and would like continue this tradition for years to come. As a Board, we maintain a 5 year operating plan to ensure we set aside enough funds for planned upgrades to our facilities. Sustaining the safe operation of our building for our members and residents of St. Albert is a very high priority for our Management Team, Staff and Board of Directors. Our Team works hard to stay current with facility and plant safety standards. In a proactive collaboration with other City Facilities and their departments, we have been working with consultants to identify future possible changes that may need to be identified. Through our proactive review, there has been some work identified within our curling club that needs to be completed with a higher priority than financially planned for. This expenditure is not in-line with our long-term budgetary plan and will put our club in a financial shortfall for years to come. We have applied for the Provincial CFEP Grant; however we have not yet received any notice and with the political environment up in the air, there is much concern we may not receive any funding. We need to ensure we can complete these recommended plant changes prior to the start of our 2019/2020 Curling Season to assure the public safety and the sustainability of our club moving forward.

On behalf of our club and our members, I want to thank the Council and Honorable Mayor for listening to our presentation to support Mr. Kevin Scoble's Consent Request to allow the 2 year exemption to be waived for the St. Albert Curling Club.

Sincerely, Gil Jouan