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Windsor, Ontario July 31, 2013

A meeting of the **Windsor Arena Closing Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fulvio Valentinis  
Councillor Alan Halberstadt  
Councillor Bill Marra  
Mike Havey, Windsor Lancers  
Mike Dugal, Windsor Minor Hockey  
Rick Pare, Windsor Minor Hockey

***Guest in attendance:***

Gale Carter, Northstar Cultural Community Centre

***Also present are the following resource personnel:***

Jelena Payne, Community Development & Health Commissioner  
Doug Sweet, Manager Arenas & WFCU Centre  
Jan Wilson, Executive Director, Recreation & Culture  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Marra calls the meeting to order at 4:02 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

**2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Marra,  
That Councillor Valentinis **BE ELECTED** Chair of the Windsor Arena Closing  
Advisory Committee.  
Carried.

#### 4. BUSINESS ITEMS

It is generally agreed it is the resolve of the Committee to host a celebratory event commemorating the 90 year history of the Windsor Arena.

Discussion ensues regarding the replacement of the ice at the Windsor Arena (at a cost of \$4,100) for the celebratory event. Following a general discussion, the Committee concludes the ice is not necessary.

Gale Carter provides an historical background of "The Barn" which includes events such as dance parties, hockey, bingo, pastoral services and concerts including Stevie Wonder and other Motown singers. The Chair recalls he attended the Arena years ago to see Roy Rogers and his horse Trigger.

A "brainstorming" discussion regarding the celebratory event ensues and the following comments are provided:

- Suggestions to host a one-day, weekend or weeklong celebration
- Need to capture the 90 year history
- Celebrate the transition of the "Barn" and not the closure
- Suggestion to invite Steve Wonder or Don Cherry to appear at the event
- Display memorabilia of the Spitfires, Lancers, etc. in the mezzanine
- Event should be a "party" with a video montage that represents all of the elements of the Windsor Arena
- Suggestion to offer free public skating (at other arenas) during the Christmas holidays to tie in with the Windsor Classic festivities
- Need to determine a budget for the event
- Discussion to acquire video footage relating to the Barn from Cogeco, CBC and various other media sources for the production of the video
- Suggestion to contact Cogeco, or another resource to determine their interest in producing an "in-kind" professional video
- Following the celebratory event, the video depicting the Arena's history can be provided to area schools
- Suggestion to partner with Caesar's Windsor to provide a ticketed event
- Ensure inclusivity for everyone attending the event - Host multifaceted events for the general public and also a ticketed event
- Next steps - Contact various organizations to determine what resources/memorabilia are available.
- Suggestion to host the commemorative event during the 2014 Winter Olympics (February 7-23, 2014)

Moved by M. Havey, seconded by M. Dugal,

That the reinstatement of ice at a cost of \$4,100 at the Windsor Arena for the celebratory event to commemorate the closing of the Windsor Arena **BE NOT APPROVED.**

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Marra, seconded by M. Dugal,

That Administration **BE REQUESTED** to contact the Communications Department, CKLW, CBC, the Windsor Star and various other media sources to determine the logistics/costs in creating a commemorative video depicting the 90 year history of the Windsor Arena and further, that a report outlining the findings **BE PROVIDED** at the next meeting of the Windsor Arena Closing Advisory Committee.

Carried.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 5:29 o'clock p.m.

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

**AGENDA**  
**of the**  
**Windsor Arena Closing Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, July 31, 2013**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Room 407,400 City Hall Square East**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  
2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**
  
3. **ELECTIO\_N OF CHAIRPERSON**
  
4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
  - 4.1 **Celebratory Event Discussion**
    - Confirm if the Committee's resolve is to hold a Celebratory Event
    - Types of Activities
    - Proposed timing
  
  - 4.2 The report of the Executive Initiatives Coordinator dated April 15, 2013 entitled "Committee to Commemorate the Closing of Windsor Arena", the report of the Manager of Arenas dated March 27, 2013 entitled "Windsor Arena Official Closing CQ 8-2012" and the Terms of Reference and Mandate - *attached as background information.*
  
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  
6. **ADJOURNMENT**