

Date: Friday, October 1, 2021
Hosted by: Niagara Region
Location: Zoom
Meeting Chair: Nicole Wolfe, Director of CE&FM, Niagara Region
Recorder: Ava Morris, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services, Niagara Region

Attendees:

Eric D’Uva	UEM
Geoff Holman	City of Thorold
Ken Noakes	Knowledge North Consulting
Todd Harrison	Niagara Region
Ron Tripp	Niagara Region
David Oakes	City of St. Catharines
Councillor Phillips	City of St. Catharines
Scott Johnstone	Brock University

Regrets:

David Schram	UEM
Mario D’Uva	Canada Summer Games
Doug Hamilton	Canada Summer Games
Matt Hill	Canada Summer Games
Tom Arkell	Canada Summer Games
Manoj Dilwaria	City of Thorold
Councillor Kenny	City of Thorold

1. Construction Update/Status Report

See *CSG Schedule* for full details.

The following construction updates were given:

- Two site tours ran this week
- The roof repair work is about a week away from being complete with the cap sheet above the gymnasium remaining
- Green roof is 100% complete, the East side standing seam fascia is nearly complete
- Exterior concrete underway: area under the South canopy complete and started North plaza started
- Dasher boards have been installed in Arena 1 with stanchions for the glass underway
- Arena 2 change rooms have been painted
- Begun installing ceiling tiles in the second-floor office and CSIO spaces
- Public washrooms fixtures installed

- Gym floor has been delivered with third party testing for moisture content underway. Results will be distributed to the Region
- Basketball nets and dividers between the courts installed
- Rubber base on the running track is about half done
- Precast concrete work is complete
- Aquicon gave a brief 2 week look ahead outlining the work going to be completed:
 - Continue to monitor the humidity in the gymnasium
 - Ceiling tiles
 - The lights in arena 1
 - Install dasher boards in Arena 2
 - Wrapping up on planting
 - Fine grading is complete so hydro seeding will start next week

Schedule:

- UEM received a new schedule from Aquicon on September 23 which changes the date of substantial from December 1 to December 20-22. This will not allow enough time for the operator to have everything ready to open for January 1st
- The Region and UEM had a discussion with Aquicon on Wednesday, and they have agreed to look at a phased occupancy. They are applying for full building occupancy with Thorold for late November/early December to allow the Operator to move in and open the rinks for January 1st. The ice rinks will be open for programming, but the remainder of the facility will not be available.
- Aquicon has stated that the December 20th substantial date is contingent on everything going as planned, and that Substantial could be pushed later if there are any further setbacks.
- Consortium reviewed the ground floor plan to help determine the areas of the building that will be needed for early December. Region to review with Consortium Operations Working Group and then forward to Aquicon to confirm what can be done.
- Council will be advised of the change in schedule in the upcoming October report
- Although hoping to open for January 1, Brock, St Catharines, and Thorold should implement a contingency plan should there be delays outside of our control. Details of which to be worked out by the Operations working group.

Action	Who	Time Frame
Set up a meeting next week with the CGP Operations Group, Scott J, Dave O, Geoff H, Todd H, and Ron T to discuss the floor plans and ice operations	Ava Morris	October 1, 2021

2. Change Summary

See *Summary of Changes 42* document for full details

3.1 Change Order 185 – This change is for supply and installation of approximately 215 meters chain link fence (900mm tall) and tall grasses (x738 plants) along the west side of the running track – Owner Requested – Approved on September 22 due to urgency

- Posts and post footings have been installed with the chain link beginning next week
- The cost is higher than initially expected because the fence length has been extended

Action	Who	Time Frame
Eric D to send moisture content reading results to the Region for the gymnasium floor	Eric D’Uva	October 7, 2021

3. New Business

3.1 Site tours dates reminder:

https://doodle.com/poll/z34ank4igz5ycf5g?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

- October 5th – 3:00-4:00 PM
- October 7th – 3:00-4:00 PM

3.2 Arena Walls Paint Colour

There have been concerns raised on site tours surrounding Arena 1 having black walls painted behind the two nets which makes it difficult for the goalie to see the puck. The distance between the wall and the glass on the North end is 10 feet and South end is 30 feet, while the 30-foot end may not be a problem the 10 foot one could be an issue. This is to be brought up and discussed at the Operations group meeting next week.

Action	Who	Time Frame
Nicole W to give an update at the next Consortium meeting on what the Operations group has decided	Nicole Wolfe	October 15, 2021

3.3 GFL Sponsorship

They have many items throughout the building and take care of with the recycling and garbage. There may be an opportunity for some cost savings by seeing if they will include the receptacles as part of the contract. The Consortium agreed that the sponsorship group should reach out to GFL and see what they come back with before awarding.

Action	Who	Time Frame
Ken N to update the Consortium on the potential GFL receptacles	Ken Noakes	October 15, 2021

3.4 Operator Update

There were 4 submissions, 3 made it through and are preparing their best and final offer right now. The operator is supposed to be in place for December 1st. The Region staff is securing operational contracts for the Operator to help facilitate the transition.

Action	Who	Time Frame
Ron T to give an update on the Operator offers at the next Consortium meeting	Ron Tripp	October 15, 2021

3.5 White Paint and Logo on Ice

Decide whether we should secure the paint and decide on the logo earlier than December 1st. There may be a long lead time on materials and would be one less thing for the Operator to worry about. Must consider sponsorship obligations and timing as well. This will be discussed at the Operations Group meeting next week.

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Adjournment: 9:48 AM

Next meeting: October 15, 2021 – via Zoom