

Report to Committee

For Council Direction

For Council Information



TOPIC:	Mini Stick Arena Report	April 8, 2025
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PURPOSE:

This report provides information and options for Council's consideration for a mini-stick arena proposed for the Landrex Arena Concourse at the Morinville Leisure Centre.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the Mini Stick Arena Report as information.

RATIONALE:

On January 28, 2025, a public presentation was made to Council requesting the addition of a mini-stick arena at the Morinville Leisure Centre (MLC).

Administration recognizes that this type of amenity would be a good addition to the MLC and would enhance the experience for children and families visiting the facility.

REPORT INFORMATION:

A mini stick arena would provide children and families with a safe, small-scale, dry-floor hockey arena for indoor play during their visit to the Landrex Arena at the Morinville Leisure Centre.

The Trans Alta Tri Leisure Centre in Spruce Grove and the Westlock Rotary Spirit Centre in Westlock are examples of nearby facilities that have installed small-scale arenas in their facilities. The mini-stick arenas have been positive additions to their facilities.

The cost of the mini stick arena is \$13,918. This cost includes the supply and installation of the arena, complete with spectator netting and goal nets. The mini-stick arena will provide children and families with a recreational activity while other family members participate in on-ice programs. This addition is expected to enhance the overall visitor experience, fostering a more inclusive and welcoming environment that encourages greater family participation and increases overall facility usage.

The mini stick arena measures approximately 364 square feet, with a length of 26 feet, and is designed for non-permanent anchoring, allowing for removal if needed. To accommodate the necessary placement of this Arena without disrupting current uses on the concourse or causing egress issues, approximately 100 linear feet of usable space is available along the concourse wall. This would leave approximately 40 feet for the current approved Sports Memorabilia Displays and an additional 30 feet for the existing children's play/art space.

IMPACT:

The cost of the mini stick arena is not included in the 2025 budget. In addition to the purchase and installation cost, the current estimate is \$500 annually for ongoing maintenance. More specific information and operational impacts, if any, would be outlined in a budget business case.

NEXT STEPS:

Administration will update the community fundraising group on Council’s decision.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

At the January 28, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, Council referred the mini stick arena presentation to Administration to provide an update at the April 8, 2025, Committee of the Whole.

ALIGNMENT:

Morinville 2022-2025 Strategic Plan:

Goal 1 - Community Building

Objective 1.2 - Residents and businesses are actively engaged in and aware of decision-making and planning our future

Goal 3 - Financial Stewardship

Objective 3.3 – Continue to seek and obtain additional sources of revenue to mitigate the financial impact on residents and businesses

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT:

After the January 28, 2025, presentation to Council, Administration consulted with the Tri Leisure Centre. Their feedback was that the mini stick arena has been a valuable addition to their facility, requiring minimal maintenance. Administration has consulted with Sam Kluthe from the community fundraising group regarding this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative 1:

Administration can develop a business case for 2026 that includes partnering with a local fundraising group to assist in funding a mini-stick arena project with 100% raised through community group fundraising.

Alternative 2:

Administration can develop a business case for 2026 that includes partnering with a local fundraising group to assist in funding a mini stick arena project, with 50% raised through community group fundraising and 50% funded through the 2026 Budget.

Alternative 3:

Administration can develop a business case for 2026 for the full cost of the mini stick arena.

Alternative 4:

Do not proceed with the mini stick arena.

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