



# City of Prince Albert

**RPT 2025-71**

**TITLE:** Dave G. Steuart Arena – Expression of Interest

**DATE:** January 27, 2025

**TO:** Executive Committee

**PUBLIC:** X

**INCAMERA:**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department be authorized to proceed with an Expression of Interest to formalize future options for the Dave G. Steuart Arena.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Over the past 14 years the Dave G. Steuart Arena has been a focus of discussion as part of the City's Facility Review. The review has included the overall condition and usage of the facility. In March 2023, City Council approved the discontinuance of the facility as an Ice Arena upon the opening of the new Lake Country Co-op Leisure Centre. Further, the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department was to investigate alternate options for the future utilization of the facility.

During the 2025 Budget Committee deliberations, members of Council identified the need to take more time to consider the future options of the facility including the continuance of it as an Ice Arena. The City has received informal verbal communication from local organizations and user groups regarding their interest in the future of the facility. It is recommended that an Expression of Interest be issued to formalize any proposals from local organizations and user groups to develop the future options for the Steuart Arena for consideration by members of Council.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Attached to this report is the documentation related to the Future Options for the facility that was considered during the 2025 Budget Committee deliberations. The attached information also outlines the usage of the City's arenas. Members of Council communicated a need for more time to consider the future options for the facility. As a result, the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is recommending that an Expression of Interest be issued so that formal proposals can be presented by local organizations for the future use of the facility.

**PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:**

Members of Council and the City's Management Team have received informal verbal communication from various local organizations expressing their interest in the future of the facility. The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is of the opinion that the best way to proceed is through an Expression of Interest process. This process will provide an opportunity for interested local organizations and user groups to formally present their proposals and outline their commitments to the future of the facility.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

Formal proposals submitted through the Expression of Interest process will be reviewed by the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department in consultation with the City's Purchasing Manager. An opportunity will be offered to any local organizations or user groups to present their proposal to members of Council and answer any specific questions related to their commitment at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting. This process has proven to be successful when previously considering the future of other City owned and operated facilities.

**COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:**

The Expression of Interest will be publicly advertised and promoted in partnership with the City's Communications Division. The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department will also work with the Purchasing Manager to notify any interested parties directly of the opportunity to submit a proposal through the process.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications specific to the Expression of Interest process.

City Council approved the following during the 2025 Budget Committee deliberations:

Capital Budget

*"That the Future of the Steuart Arena be approved at a cost of \$100,000, as amended."*

This amount will remain available in 2025 should members of Council determine it is required in support of the future of the facility.

Operating Budget

*"That the total 2025 Operating Budget for the Dave G. Steuart Arena Functional Area be approved at a cost of \$96,345, as presented."*

This amount will provide the funding support required to operate the facility as an Ice Arena until the end of March 2025. The facility will also remain available in the Spring for the Ball Hockey Season. The goal is to conclude the Expression of Interest process during the Spring of 2025 and arrive at a decision with members of Council by the end of June 2025.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no policy, privacy, legal, safety or environmental implications.

**OPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION:**

There are no options to the Recommendation.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The consideration of the future of the Steuart Arena aligns with the Investing in Infrastructure Strategic Priority of the City's Strategic Plan. More specifically, the Infrastructure Management Area of Focus. Cross-departmental planning and consultation will continue to be required in order to proceed with any future options for the Dave G. Steuart Arena.

**OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:**

The review of the Steuart Arena aligns with Section 9.2 of the Official Community Plan. This section is related to the City's Parks and Recreation Facilities. As the City grows and evolves, the need to assess and evaluate our recreation infrastructure is necessary to prioritize our existing facilities to meet the demands of the public.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

**PRESENTATION:**

Verbal – Jody Boulet, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Dave G. Steuart Arena – Future Options – 2025-17
2. RPT 23-91 – Usage of Kinsmen & Steuart Arenas
3. Steuart Arena Roof – Fall 2022
4. Steuart Arena Roof 2 – Fall 2022
5. Steuart Arena Roof 3 – Fall 2022
6. Leaking in Steuart Arena Lobby
7. Leaking in Steuart Arena Corridor
8. Leaking in Steuart Arena Mechanical Room

**Written by:** Jody Boulet, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

**Approved by:** City Manager