

July 11, 2023, Update:

This is a follow up from the June 30<sup>th</sup> update sent out to members.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> on behalf of The Board Cal Hauserman went before City Council to ask them to consider alternative options to the current proposed loan to the Medicine Hat Curling Club. The decision to do this came after discussing the Clubs fundraising capabilities, and ability to manage such a large amount of debt. Cal went before council with the ask of alternative solutions be considered, mainly the sale of the Curling Club to the city. The sale or transfer of the building to the city would be a positive alternative as it would allow the city to be responsible for costs associated with maintaining and running the facility. From there the club could potentially enter into an agreement that would see The Board lease the building and continue to run the day-to-day operations. We believe that this option would be best for the short- and long-term success of curling in Medicine Hat.

City Council seemed to respond positively to this suggestion, however no decisions or agreements have been made. Through more communication with the city, it is believed that City Council will be discussing and making a decision this coming Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> during the council meeting, however this will not be decided until the agenda is released on Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>. As there is no way of knowing the outcome of council's decision, The Board continues to work diligently on finding solutions for the club and its future.

We want to thank everyone again for their patience and for their understanding. We continue to work as a group to have curling back in this community and we continue to remain optimistic. We would also like to thank those that have taken time to reach out and offer their support and volunteer their time to help us continue towards our goal. As more information becomes available, we will be sure to update you as soon as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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