Curling Club Update – March 15th, 2023

On Monday, March 13, 2023, Vicki, Fred, and Cal met with the Public Services Committee of the City of Medicine Hat.

A presentation created by a sub committee of the board was provided to the Public Services Committee members before the meeting for review. The information was then presented to the committee for review and discussion. The meeting time was spent giving a short overview of the importance of curling in Medicine Hat and surrounding area. The health and wellness benefits of curling and economic impacts on the city were the main focus during the discussion. Other topics discussed involved inclusion of members of the community, growth of local sport and opportunity to grow the game. A formal request was made to ask the city to support the Curling Club with funds to help repair and remedy our present situation.

The solution proposed would use ice mats and a portable plant, instead of a complete overhaul of the building. This equipment was not only more environmentally friendly then current equipment but could then be reused or sold, thus recovering some costs in the future.

The members of the public services understood the urgency of our situation and were very supportive of working toward a solution. City officials will be tasked with looking into how this could be addressed and will come forth with a plan. This process will take several weeks. The current plan is for the Public Services Committee to review the proposed plan on March 27th, 2023. If the Public Services Committee approves the plan, it could then go to the City Council meeting on April 3rd, 2023. Please take into consideration that there are several things that need to be in place before it moves forward, so the current timeline is a tentative at this point. The Board will continue to work diligently on providing information to the City of Medicine Hat and make every effort possible to try and get curling going again for the 2023-2024 season.

As more information is available, our members and community will be informed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryden Smith