Curling Club Update

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, during the closed session of the committee’s agenda. 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 leisure activities and opportunity to grow the game of curling. 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 is not only more environmentally friendly than 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 the importance of curling in our community. The Medicine Hat Curling Club and Public Services Committee will continue to communicate in the coming weeks to determine next steps in our pursuit for support from the City of Medicine Hat. There are several things that need to be in place before it moves forward to City Council. The Board will continue to work diligently on providing information to the Public Services Committee and the City of Medicine Hat and make every effort possible to try and get curling going again for the 2023-2024 season. At this point in the process as a Board we are feeling optimistic and thank everyone for their patience during this difficult time in our club’s history.

As more information is available and presented in a public setting, our members and community will be informed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryden Smith