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**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Caitlin Fox, Community Recreation Coordinator

**DATE:** May 14, 2021

**RE:** **Outdoor Rink Proposal**

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**ISSUE:**

Fundraising for a new outdoor rink for the Recreation Centre.

**BACKGROUND:**

With the new dressing rooms being built the community lost their outdoor rink. There is a need to rebuild it because of the community uses this facility during the winter months.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1) The Council can allow for the outdoor rink to be fundraised for.
- 2) The Council can disapprove the proposal and table the idea until a later date.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The total budget for this project is \$35,000 coming from money fundraised and donated by community business and organizations. \$10,000 would cover the cost of the supplies for the boards and \$25,000 would cover the cost of laying the asphalt base.

**ANALYSIS:**

With the new dressing rooms being built where the outdoor rink was The Town is wanting to fundraise with the communities help so that we can add the outdoor rink back to the list of facilities the community has. This would benefit the community immensely because this facility would have a year around use during the warmer months the community members would be able to use the asphalt base as a sports court for things like basketball and pickleball. During the winter months there will always be community members using the ice surface and The Town can host skate nights and hockey games on the surface. This would be a new project for the community because they are going to be involved with all the fundraising and construction of the facility. This is going to create bonds between community members and will bring the community together for one sole purpose which will increase the community involvement and contribution to the area they call home.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION(S):**

"THAT the council approves the Outdoor Rink proposal and allows for the Community Recreation Coordinator to start the process of fundraising for the project".

**ATTACHMENT:**

Wadena Outdoor Rink Proposal

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