



Rural Municipality of Morell

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AGENDA ITEM # _____
November 20, 2023

Proposed Motion

Date: _____

Moved by Councillor: _____

Seconded by Councillor: _____

_____ Carried _____ Did not carry

“Whereas the Council has received a request from the Morell Community Rink Inc. to provide enough funds to sustain the facility through start-up costs for the 2023-24 season.

“And whereas the Morell Community Rink Inc. incurred \$35,000 total in maintenance, repair, and equipment replacement costs in the 2022-2023 season and estimate close to \$30,000 in costs for start-up, maintenance, and safety for the upcoming season.

Be it resolved that the Council provide the Morell Community Rink Inc. with _____.

Schedule A includes the formal request letter from Rodney Whitty, Chairperson, Morell Community Rink Inc.

Danny Kelly, Deputy Mayor _____

Amanda Benedict, CAO _____

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Dear Rural Municipality of Morell council,

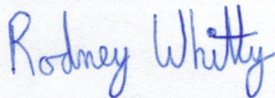
The Morell Credit Union Rink has finally opened its doors to the public for another year. Board members and staff would like to thank both the Rural Municipality of Morell and Northside Communities Initiative for their generous support and enormous work upgrading this continuously improving facility.

The 2022/2023 season was a successful season with more ice rental bookings, increased sponsorship, and a rise in canteen sales. However, our expected and unexpected start-up/repair and maintenance costs were much greater than usual. Typically, \$7000 - \$8000 is spent in start up costs for the season but for example, was handed an additional \$10,000 for boiler repair from Halloween Night 2022. In total for 2022/2023 season, the facility incurred \$35,000 total in maintenance, repair, and equipment replacement costs and this season the rink board (Morell Community Rink Inc.) estimates close to \$30,000 in costs incurred for start-up, maintenance, and most importantly, safety.

We are pleased to announce ice rental schedules are scheduled at full capacity and the facility can successfully operate at this high rate and even higher with its adequate staffing. Staff continues to promote canteen sales and active living while new and potential sponsors/tenants continue inquiring about ways to support a highly valued "Community Rink", the hub of a small municipality. Morell Community Rink Inc. is currently riding a cash deficit and requesting for the Rural Municipality of Morell if possible to provide us with enough funds to sustain the facility through these heavy start-up costs as it makes its greatest effort toward continued successful ice recreation seasons.

On behalf of Morell Community Rink Inc.'s Board of Directors, thank you, council, for your valuable time.

Sincerely,



Rodney Whitty
Chairperson, Morell Community Rink Inc.