

## **RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR INQUIRY / SUGGESTION**

### **COUNCILLOR THORN**

Councillor Thorn requested an update on the risks and liabilities with full or partial removal of the netting around the perimeter of the ice in the Pason Green Arena.

### **Estimated Administrative Time to Respond**



Under 4 hours (no motion required)



Over 4 hours (motion required) Estimated Hours: n/a

### **Motion**

n/a

### **Response**

The removal of the safety netting is a question that the Okotoks Junior “A” Oilers have previously posed a number of times to the Town. Administration is aware that the safety netting does not provide a totally unobstructed viewing experience for the Oilers’ cameras.

The safety netting was installed with construction of the arena in 2006. In response to this inquiry from Council, Administration has further reviewed the issue of removing the safety net with the Town’s insurer. The safety netting provides protection not just to the spectators at Oilers games, but safety of all users of the facility at all times. This includes walking track users, people utilizing the facility as meeting spaces and teams using the facility before/after practices and games for meetings and warm-up spaces. The Okotoks Junior “A” Oilers utilize the arena approximately 3% of the total usage of the arena.

Administration is present when the Okotoks Oilers utilize the ice and have witnessed pucks hitting the safety netting not only at the ends of the ice but also on the sides regularly. Administration does not recommend the removal of the safety netting.

### **Attachment(s)**

n/a

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