



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Community & Recreation Services

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Beth Gignac, Director Community & Recreation Services

**Date to Council:** July 11, 2023

**Report Number:** CRS-2023-13

**Subject:** Tecumseh Arena Flood Damage

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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That** Report No. CRS-2023-13, Tecumseh Arena Flood Damage, **be received.**

### Background

On Sunday, July 2, 2023, there was a significant rainfall event with the Town Hall campus area experiencing 34.04 mm volume which is considered a 1:2 year event.

This resulted in flood damage at Tecumseh Arena due to drainage issues caused by the confluence of water volume and a partial blockage of the storm drain at the outflow area which caused water to back-flow into the arena, through all the interior floor drains, damaging the lower walls and flooring in the office, the flooring in the canteen, and the rubber flooring throughout the lobby, hallway and dressing rooms. The maximum level of water was estimated at ½" to 1", throughout.

### Comments

Staff responded immediately and undertook a series of actions including contacting Supreme Restoration Services promptly on July 2 at 6:00 pm, who worked with the staff to extract standing water and to set up structural drying devices. A preliminary damage

report indicated that the growth of mold and bacteria was expected and, due to related health and safety concerns, remediation of the office area started on July 3, 2023.

A complete financial assessment of the total costs of repairs and remediation is still being determined, hence it is too early to prepare and serve a formal Proof of Loss document for insurance purposes. However, the Town has already put its broker on notice that it will be filing a claim for reimbursement under the Town's insurance policy. It is too preliminary at this point for a determination as to coverage or the extent thereof under the Town's policy, but we are advised that a Claims Adjuster will be assigned to this matter shortly who will meet and work with the Town in reviewing and assessing the Town's claim under its insurance policy. It is important to note that the formal insurance claim process can sometimes be a very lengthy process that could take many months for a potential resolution or determination and so Administration will continue to follow up and advise further where and when warranted.

Staff will be returning to the next Regular Meeting of Council on July 25, 2023, with a more fulsome update. However, it must be reported that due to the incident, it is likely that flooring will need to be removed in all the impacted areas, antimicrobial will need to be applied and new flooring will be required.

Staff have been temporarily accommodated either within the arena or at Town Hall. There are not any impacts to user groups or activities currently.

## **Consultations**

Chief Administrative Officer  
Legislative Services & Clerk  
Financial Services

## **Financial Implications**

Staff will be receiving a formal estimate for the urgent removal and remediation work from Supreme Restoration Services and a tender process will occur for the replacement of the flooring, after removal and remediation work has been completed.

Since this is an unauthorized expenditure, staff will be recommending a source of funding to Council and anticipate use of the Arena Lifecycle Reserve fund while insurance claim reviews and assessments are completed.

## Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

## Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐

Social Media ☐

News Release ☐

Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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<b>Attachment Number</b>	<b>Attachment Name</b>
None	None