

MEMO

To: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council
From: Aaron Bourgeois, Director of Operations
Date: April 15, 2024
Re: Stadium Netting

At the March 18, 2024 committee of the whole meeting the following motion was passed:

**Moved By Councillor Davidson
Seconded By Councillor Chambers
That Council forward to the March 25, 2024 regular meeting, direction to staff to remove the stadium netting from the sides before the next hockey season.**

At the March 25 meeting, the CAO shared a memo from staff dated August 10, 2005 where the Maritime Junior Hockey League requested the side netting be installed in addition to the plexiglass.

Staff have been in contact with league president Connor Cameron and the side netting is not a requirement of the league, their only concern with removing the side netting is fan safety but the removal of the netting is up to the Town.

While the netting does provide additional protection from deflected pucks entering the stands it also interferes with the quality of the video for televised games and prevents the stadium from hosting promotional activities such as teddy bear / mitten toss.

Staff are recommending the side netting at the Amherst Stadium be removed prior to the start of the 2024/25 Amherst Junior "A" Ramblers season.