

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Arena Ice Dehumidifier Breakdown  
**Prepared By:** Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer  
**Department:** Finance  
**Date:** December 14, 2021  
**Report Number:** REC2021-29 **File Number:** C11REC  
**Attachments:** N/A

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2021-29 – Arena Ice Dehumidifier Breakdown, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and by doing so provides authorization for the CAO and CFO to approve the purchase of the Arena Ice Dehumidifier upon review of the applicable quotes and timelines in accordance with the Purchasing and Procurement Policy;

And further that the replacement be funded from the Recreation Reserve Fund.

### Report:

#### Background:

The one and only dehumidifier for the arena ice went down on the weekend. The compressor has failed and was blowing all the fuses. Koebel Electric assessed the extent of life left in the equipment and maintenance work needed in order to keep the current equipment functioning for the season. If the parts needed are available, it would be approximately \$2,000-\$5,000. It was also noted that they replaced the coils in it 5 years ago and the unit was very brittle then and is surprised it has lasted this long. The unit is 20+ years, at end of life with R22 refrigerant which you can no longer get. This was noted in the BCA report.

#### Analysis:

The Municipality cannot operate safely at all times for very long without a dehumidifier as the boards glass completely fogs up, water condensation starts forming on everything and dripping from ceiling causing bumps on the ice. Staff have obtained one quote from Black and McDonald (\$32,000-\$35,000) but are awaiting updated quotes and availability.

Staff are awaiting two formal quotes, availability of equipment and timeframe for install. In lieu of the situation and timing of the next Council meeting in January 2022, staff are seeking Councils pre-approval to

move forward with the CAO and CFO reviewing the information and approval before proceeding. Staff will provide an updated report in January.

**Sustainability Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

**Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

This is not included in the 2021 budget; however, there would be a significant interruption to the services at the arena if there were a complete failure of the dehumidifier. Staff request the replacement to be funded from the recreation reserve funds. In accordance with the Purchasing and Procurement Policy Emergency purchases can be authorized by the CAO and CFO and reported back to Council. Due to the timing of this meeting we are making Council aware of the situation in advance of purchasing.

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

**Reviewed By:**



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer