Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – November 28, 2018

REPORTS

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Carried

Sept 27, 2018

Transcona East End Community Center
517 Pandora Ave East

Good Afternoon Russ,

We are have staffing issues at the CC pertaining to licensed staff, I am having trouble finding licensed staff, we are not allowed to be open unless there is a licensed operator in the arena at any time there is public in the bldg.
I have called other arenas to see if they have any licensed staff available and I have found out that 7 other arenas are short and looking to hire, this is a huge issue not sure what we can do we have 3 sheets of ice running at full capacity so shutting down is not really an option.

I have called the Province and explained our situation and they advised me to call the owner which is the City of Winnipeg, they seem to think it is up to the owner to decide what can be done in their arenas. I did not get any solutions, I asked if we could get temporary permissions to have existing non ticketed staff work the shifts that are required with a ticketed staff member on call if any issues, and they said not there call, City would need to allow that to happen in the bldgs.

Russ can you please direct us to who we need to be speaking to, we are ramping up our busy season is about 2 weeks away

Don Gale
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EECC Maintenance director