



# City of Cambridge

## Department of Human Service Programs

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### M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Paul Ryder, Director of Recreation 

RE: Council Order #2, dated 2/28/94  
RE: Feasibility of acquiring the  
MDC Skating Rink on Gore Street

DATE: June 2, 1994

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In response to Council Order #2, dated 2/28/94 regarding the feasibility of acquiring the MDC skating rink on Gore Street, I would like to present the following for your review:

I have contacted the Town of Arlington and Stoneham regarding their respective town's ownership and management of skating rinks. I have included a copy of both responses with the report. To summarize these reports, both reflect a substantial capital investment program and related budget in order for the rinks to operate efficiently and cost effectively. For example, Arlington has to date expended \$250,000 in capital improvements with a \$25,000 annual budget for continued repairs. The Town of Stoneham reported a net loss of approximately \$100,000 per year in personnel and capital improvement costs.

In conclusion, given the numerous demands on the City's current Public Investment Budget and the commitment to construct a new Eastern Cambridge Youth Center, I would recommend that instead of the City acquiring the rink that we take a proactive role in strengthening the relationship between the Metropolitan District Commission and the Cambridge Youth Hockey League. We have currently under taken a similar role in regard to the MDC McCrehan Swimming Pool in North Cambridge which, to date, seems to be satisfying the demands of the Friends of Russell Field Committee.

#### DIVISIONS:

Childcare  
349-6200

Community Learning Center  
349-6363

Community & Youth  
349-6231

Council on Aging/Elderly Services  
349-6220

Low Income Fuel Assistance  
349-6247

Planning & Development  
349-6200

Recreation  
349-6230

MultiService Center/Homeless Services  
349-6340



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## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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MEMO TO: Paul Ryder  
FROM: Debbie Hayes *DN*  
DATE: March 4, 1994

SUBJECT: Sports Center Budget

Enclosed please find a copy of the budget for the Veterans Memorial Sports Center which is operated by the Town of Arlington. The Town assumed the operation of the Sports Center in November 1977 placing it under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Division.

The Sports Center has been self supporting since 1977 and is now an Enterprise Fund.

Before the town took over the rink, the MDC completed some renovations to the building including replacement of the roof, construction of stands and replacement of side panels on the upper level of the building.

While under the jurisdiction of the Town, we have funded approximately \$100,000 of capital improvements including new compressor, dasher boards and repairs to the chiller unit. In FY94, the Town approved an appropriation of \$150,000 to replace the roof which has been bonded over six years. We are presently budgeting \$50,000 per year in capital improvements, this includes payment of \$25,000 per year for the roof.

I hope that this information is helpful to you.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Enclosure



TOWN OF  
STONEHAM  
MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN HALL  
35 CENTRAL STREET  
STONEHAM, MASS. 02180

February 28, 1994

Mr. Paul Ryder  
Recreational Director  
City of Cambridge  
51 Inman Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Paul:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Town of Stoneham's budget and the revenues for the operation of the Ice Skating Arena.

The Arena is open eleven months of the year and closed one month a year for repairs. The revenues include the leasing of space for a Pro Shop and Concession Stand.

The budget does not reflect the additional costs for pensions, workers compensation, liability and property insurance, annual painting of the inside using prison labor, the debt and interest payments along with several capital improvements that are currently being considered. The Arena Manager has done an excellent job selling the ice time to the point that there are very few hours available. The net loss for the operation of the Arena is close to \$100,000 per year.

However, the Arena is part of the Unicorn Recreational Facility which includes a nine hole Golf Course and a par 3 Golf Course which will be complete in April of 1994. The cost of the Ice Skating Arena is subsidized by the profits from the Golf Course.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Nutting  
Town Administrator

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## 630 Unicorn Recreation (Arena)

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| FY93<br>EXPEND | FY94<br>APPR | FY 95<br>REQUEST | FY 95<br>FIN BD | FY 95<br>BOS |
|----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                | \$79,800     | \$101,079        |                 |              |
|                | \$40,905     | \$40,000         |                 |              |
|                |              |                  |                 |              |
|                | \$11,261     | \$10,610         |                 |              |
| \$0            | \$131,966    | \$151,689        | \$0             | \$0          |

## Personnel

111 Full-Time Employees  
121 Part-Time Employees  
131 Overtime.  
171 Health Ins  
Total Personnel

|     |          |          |     |     |
|-----|----------|----------|-----|-----|
|     | \$40,500 | \$34,200 |     |     |
|     | \$200    |          |     |     |
|     |          |          |     |     |
|     |          | \$3,300  |     |     |
|     | \$3,000  | \$300    |     |     |
|     | \$400    | \$250    |     |     |
|     | \$250    |          |     |     |
|     |          |          |     |     |
|     |          |          |     |     |
|     |          |          |     |     |
|     |          |          |     |     |
| \$0 | \$44,350 | \$38,050 | \$0 | \$0 |

## Contractual Services

240 Repairs & Maintenance  
270 Rentals & Leases  
275 Other Rentals  
290 Other Property Service  
302 Advertising  
313 Medical  
318 Recreation Management  
319 Other Prof & Tech  
320 Tuition  
341 Postage  
380 Other Purchase Service  
382 Printing Services  
Total Contract Services

|  |           |           |     |     |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|
|  |           |           |     |     |
|  | \$78,500  | \$93,500  |     |     |
|  | \$25,500  | \$27,000  |     |     |
|  | \$13,500  | \$16,000  |     |     |
|  | \$200     | \$200     |     |     |
|  | \$117,700 | \$136,700 | \$0 | \$0 |

## Fixed Charges

211 Fuel Oil Heat  
212 Electricity  
213 Gas  
231 Water  
232 Telephone  
Total Fixed Charges

|     |          |          |     |     |
|-----|----------|----------|-----|-----|
|     | \$800    | \$800    |     |     |
|     | \$13,800 | \$14,700 |     |     |
|     | \$300    | \$300    |     |     |
|     | \$3,700  | \$3,700  |     |     |
|     |          |          |     |     |
|     | \$2,500  | \$3,000  |     |     |
|     | \$4,000  | \$5,000  |     |     |
|     |          |          |     |     |
|     | \$300    | \$300    | \$0 | \$0 |
| \$0 | \$25,400 | \$27,800 | \$0 | \$0 |

## Supplies

420 Office  
430 Building Maintenance  
440 Medical/Health  
450 Custodial  
460 Groundskeeping  
480 Vehicular  
481 Gasoline  
490 Food Service  
580 Other  
Total Supplies

|     |         |         |     |     |
|-----|---------|---------|-----|-----|
|     | \$200   | \$200   |     |     |
|     |         |         |     |     |
|     |         |         |     |     |
|     | \$300   | \$300   |     |     |
|     | \$900   | \$900   |     |     |
| \$0 | \$1,400 | \$1,400 | \$0 | \$0 |

## Other Charges

710 In-State Travel  
711 Car Allowance  
720 Out of State Travel  
730 Dues & Subscriptions  
780 Other Unclassified  
Total Other Charges

|     |           |           |     |     |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|
| \$0 | \$188,850 | \$203,950 | \$0 | \$0 |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|

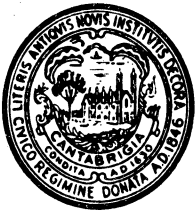
## Total Operating

|     |           |           |     |     |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|
| \$0 | \$320,816 | \$355,639 | \$0 | \$0 |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|

## Department Total

\$ 345,000 \$ 360,000

Revenues



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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Deputy City Manager

June 13, 1994

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Attached please find a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 3, regarding the feasibility of acquiring the MDC skating rink on Gore Street, received from Recreation Director Paul Ryder.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mev  
attachment

Consent Agenda # 1

S-282

Response to Awaiting Report Item  
Number three regarding the feasibility  
of acquiring the MDC skating rink on  
Gore Street.

for original order see  
1994 City Manager Request  
# 60

In City Council,

June 13, 1994

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