



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council File No: 8215-12
Date: February 24, 2025
From: Jason Blood, Director, Recreation Services
Subject: Kal Tire Place Score Clock – 2025 Budget Consideration

Purpose: At the February 10, 2025 Regular meeting, Council directed Administration to provide a report for the purchase and installation of a score clock for consideration in the 2025 budget.

Recommendation:

THAT Council authorize Administration to proceed with spending up to \$600,000 from the Kin Race Track Park Reserve Fund, to purchase and install a new video scoreboard at Kal Tire Place,

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to direct the installation to occur between August 30 and September 13, 2025 to ensure dry floor users are not impacted.

Background:

a. Rationale:

During the April 8, 2024 Regular meeting, Council directed Administration to bring forward a 2025 budget request of up to \$350,000 towards the purchase of a digital scoreboard at Kal Tire Place. However, Council did not approve the item to move forward for inclusion in the 2025 budget.

At the Regular meeting on February 10, 2025, Council directed Administration to report back on the purchase of the new scoreboard for Kal Tire Place and explore funding options through the Kin Race Track Park reserve funds. The current reserve balance is approximately \$4.2 million dollars.

The originally quoted \$350,000 pricing was intended to cover the purchase price for a basic video screen that would meet the video replay requirements of the BC Hockey League (BCHL) should video screens be mandated by the league. It is important to note that this estimate was provided in June 2024, and significant cost escalations in recent months have impacted the final price.

Administration has obtained updated order of magnitude pricing from vendors, of which the average prices being \$500,000-\$675,000 plus installation and taxes. The

score clock systems that have been quoted do not include a broadcast system component. This is an add-on feature that would be required should the City want to be able to display live video feeds for other groups within the facility (ie. Special Events, Graduation Ceremonies, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Concerts, etc.). This add-on system has been quoted at \$225,000. The scoreboard system would be similar to the one in Prince George at the CN Centre (Attachment 1).

Additionally, for reference, the City of West Kelowna purchased and installed a new video scoreboard in August 2024. The \$400,000 cost of the scoreboard was accompanied by nearly \$100,000 in installation expenses, along with an additional \$75,000 for electrical improvements, design work, and a standard contingency.

b. Installation Restrictions

Vendor information has indicated that a minimum of 16 weeks of lead time is required from the issuance of the purchase order, as well as, the installation of the items will require approximately 1-2 weeks, during which the arena floor will be unusable.

Kal Tire Place has a busy dry-floor season booked for 2025. Given this, installation during the current ice-out schedule at Kal Tire Place is not likely to occur. Instead, Administration is recommending installation to occur August 30-September 13, 2025.

Administration is mindful that Kal Tire Place is a multi-use facility and would not install a system that would deter or restrict other users from using the facility.

c. Implications

The upgraded system, while being significantly more robust than current, does increase the technical expertise required to operate. The vendors indicate that a minimum of 2-hours of training is required to be able to operate the scoreboard. Currently, it is volunteers that are assigned from most user groups, meaning that this will require all groups to have dedicated/trained volunteers available to use the scoreboard functionality.

d. Council's Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance & Organizational Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Livability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation, Parks & Natural Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Vibrancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

Financial Implications:

Provision of up to \$600,000 from the Kin Race Track Park reserve.

Alternatives & Implications:

1. THAT Council authorize Administration to proceed with spending up to \$825,000 from the Kin Race Track Park Reserve Fund, to purchase and install a new video scoreboard and broadcast system at Kal Tire Place;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to direct the installation to occur between August 30 and September 13, 2025 to ensure dry floor users are not impacted.

Note: This alternative would direct Administration to purchase a scoreboard that includes a broadcast system that would allow for a live video feed.

2. THAT Council receives the memorandum titled “Kal Tire Place Score Clock – 2025 Budget Consideration” dated February 24, 2025.

Note: Administration has been unable to confirm if and when a video replay system may be mandated by the BCHL. As such, Council could choose not to proceed with a video scoreboard at this time.

Communication:

If the purchase is approved, Administration will contact all interested parties including the Vernon Vipers to determine the best solution for Kal Tire place. Once a best option is determined Administration will procure and install the system. The system will be installed before the start of the 2025/26 BCHL regular season.

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