

Subject: Dufferin rink waste of money

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James, I ran into Mike Johnston from Policy and Development at the rink today. There had been no response to my questions about the \$2000 consultant's fee for Dufferin Rink work. So I asked him directly. He told me:

1. the **\$2000** consultant fee was for ONLY for the new flooring -- **figuring out the rubber tile pattern on the floor.** (Two colours, light in the middle, darker on the outside). That is a disgraceful waste of money.
2. Evidently the CIMCO Refrigeration consultants were there today to tell Mike Johnston and Tech Services that a new compressor is not yet needed, although the recent Accent Building Sciences Parks and Rec facilities audit calls for one. Perhaps the \$803,000 Parks and Rec facilities audit (2004) was also a waste of money -- hopefully we'll shortly be able to get a copy and analyze it to compare it to the \$425,000 Parks and Rec facilities audit (2001), and then see.
3. the routine yearly maintenance activity of replacing broken hockey boards is being counted as part of Policy and Development's state-of-good-repair project. Does that mean that Policy and Development can take its percentage cut for a job that has absolutely nothing to do with them? (it's totally routine for the City carpenters.) The charge in the budget for board repairs is \$19,000 (the carpenters replaced maybe a dozen 4x8 boards, plus painting), and the charge for "contingency" for this inspired state-of-good-repair project is **\$13,000** (is that what's billed for Mike's services?)

I think this needs some attention. Can you also let me know if I could be invited to any other onsite rink meetings?

Thanks

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