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RE: THIRD QUARTER 2019 BMC HIGHLIGHTS

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The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with a third quarter update with respect to activities at the BMC. The last few months were a busy period at the BMC. In addition to regularly scheduled activities, the BMC underwent some major renovations to remain current with standards within the industry. These projects were scheduled into our summer maintenance period. Even with the requests to use the facility in both the winter and summer months, the projects were completed with little or no impact on rentals.

Throughout the summer months, the following were completed:

- **Elevator Refurbishment – June/July/August.** The elevator at the BMC was installed when the facility first opened in 1996. An upgrade and refurbishment was required to update electrical components. The elevator project replaced all control systems, the hydraulic elevating shaft, and updated the interior of the passenger car. This project spanned much of the summer months and it was completed on time and under budget.
- **Arena Boards and Glass Replacement – June/July.** The Ontario Hockey League mandated that all OHL facilities were to be upgraded to an NHL-approved board and glass system. The glass system now consists of acrylic glass instead of tempered and a “flex” system on the dasher boards. This system promotes player safety and provides a great fan viewing experience.
- **RV Show - July 19, 20, 21.** A local RV dealer used the parking lot to set up an RV trade show. The lot saw 40+ RV’s on display for customers to view and tour.
- **The Barn Burner - August 6.** After re-branding the long-running charity hockey game known as Hockey Night in Barrie, the event returned for another year. This annual event brings current and former NHL players to Barrie for a hockey game to raise money for Barrie’s Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH).

While there are many uses in the summer for the parking lot, such as a staging location for Kempenfest, the BMC user groups look forward to when the ice returns. The ice was installed in August for the Barn Burner. It began to be used for Colts try-outs and practices, Mariposa skating and many other community user groups who got a jump on fall hockey programs. It’s early in the season and Barrie’s OHL team is off to a great start, so GO COLTS GO!