

# Staff Report to Council

**Title:** Tiverton Sports Centre Dasher Board Replacement Contract Award

**Report Number:** Parks & Facilities-2025-07

**Director:** Community Services

**Manager:** Parks & Facilities

**Meeting Date:**  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

**Date to be considered by Council:**  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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## Recommendation:

That Council awards the contract to replace the Dasher Boards and Glass at the Tiverton Sports Centre to Athletica Sport Systems Inc. in the amount of \$303,390, exclusive of HST.

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## Executive Summary:

The recommendation put forward is contingent on budget approval on February 24, 2025. The draft 2025 Capital budget allocates funding of \$320,000 for the replacement of the dasher boards and glass at the Tiverton Sports Centre. The current boards are beyond their expected lifespan and are showing signs of failure. The new board system will include modernized player safety features and will be a significant improvement for users.

## Strategic Priorities:

C.8-Create vibrant parks, green space, recreation facilities and programs for residents or visitors of all ages and abilities

## Financial Considerations:

The 2025 capital budget allocates \$320,000 to the replacement of the boards and glass at the Tiverton Sports Centre. The total bid price of \$303,390 submitted by Athletica Sport Systems Inc. is inclusive of all materials, labour, permits and engineering needed to supply and install the new dasher board system. This cost does not include any concrete repairs that may be required to anchor the new board system. The contingency in the project should be sufficient to cover any concrete repair costs.

This project was procured leveraging group buying through the Canoe GPO platform.

**Policy:**

GG.2.17 Purchasing and Procurement Policy

**Context and Background Information:**

The dasher board replacement at the Tiverton Sports Centre (TSC) was included in the 2025 Capital Budget.

Municipal staff sought proposals for the replacement of the dasher board system through Canoe Procurement Group of Canada, a group purchasing organization (GPO) that helps municipalities and its members access competitive pricing through group buying. Athletica Sport Systems has provided the Municipality with a proposal that meets the needs of the Municipality and reflects preferred pricing in accordance with the Canoe Contract.

Further, Athletica Sport Systems is the only vendor that is licensed to provide NHL and OHL certified dasher board systems which reflect significant improvements in player safety technology.

Therefore, staff recommend that the contract be awarded to Athletica Sport Systems Inc. in the amount of \$303,390.

**Consultation Overview:**

N/A

**Origin:**

2025 Capital Budget

**Implementation Considerations:**

Timely replacement of the boards at the TSC is critical to limit disruption to the 2025 fall ice season. Demolition activities are planned to begin in April of 2025, with the project being completed in the summer. Staff will work closely with the contractor to ensure the project stays on track to be completed by the end of September 2025. Any further disruptions will be communicated with ice users at the TSC, and every effort will be made to accommodate any displaced TSC rentals at the Davidson Centre.

**Risk Analysis:**

The current board system is at end of life and requires replacement before the beginning of the fall 2025 ice season. Should replacement not occur, it is possible staff will be unable to repair damaged sections of the boards which could jeopardize the ice season.

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**Attachments:** None

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