

Multiplex to have four rinks, location undetermined

By Ray Martin

Times Staff

When it comes to what they will be putting into the new recreation multiplex, Cambridge council was like a kid in a candy shop – they want it all.

During a four-hour marathon meeting Monday (May 16) night, council decided in a 7-2 vote what

would go into the new sports facility.

Topping that list are the three gyms and a 10-lane, 25-metre long competition swimming pool with spectator's gallery, a leisure pool, and a four-lane running track.

Where council parted ways was whether the facility should sport four ice pads or two. Councillors Jan Liggett and Mike Devine are

still not certain the city needs or can afford four new rinks now.

They preferred to go with a two-rink option.

Devine only supported the all-in, four-rink option with the understanding that if the city can't come up with the estimated \$78 million for the project the two added ice rinks would be cut.

While council was told the

multiplex design is flexible enough that it can go on 10 acres of flat land anywhere in the city, Coun. Mike Mann voted against the motion reasoning the city should select the site first and then decide what can go in the building.

At the conclusion of Monday's meeting in the packed Beehive Room at Hespeler arena, Mayor Doug Craig had the last word,

saying: "This is the very best sportsplex possible, but if we can't afford it, I will pull back on this."

The mayor went on to say that not everyone in Cambridge supports the new sports facility and he has received calls from people who oppose the project.

"The sportsplex is something we've needed for a long time."

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Player of the Year

Cambridge pitcher wins NCAA honour

By Bill Doucet

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Wayne State University Warriors Lyndsay Butler proved to be the most complete player in NCAA Division II softball.

Up against two other pitchers for National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division II Player of the Year, there was one thing that set the 21-year-old Cambridge hurler apart from the rest of the pack – her bat.

While she was compiling a 29-6 record on the mound, with a 0.77 ERA and 227 strikeouts, the red-shirted junior player was also the Warriors lead-off hitter. At the plate, she batted .483, with 19 doubles, seven triples and 12 home runs, as well as 42 RBI.

Butler thinks that's why she was voted NFCA Division II Player of the Year on Tuesday (May 17).

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TAKE DOWN: The Waterloo Regional Police tactical team holds a demonstration on non-lethal force during the Police Week Open House on Saturday (May 14) at police headquarters. For more photos, see page 3.

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