

2026-01 Combermere Outdoor Rink Rehabilitation
OPTIONAL SITE VISIT – MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12 2026 / 11 AM – 1 PM / COMBERMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Attendees:

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QUESTION	ANSWER
<p>In research it was found that sonotubes are not a common option, and many outdoor rink dasher boards are installed directly into concrete.</p>	<p>Both options are available. Many companies offer both as install options, and other local area rinks, such as Killaloe’s new outdoor rink, have opted for this version. As sonotubes are more cost effective, the tender documents specify the install be done with sonotubes.</p>
<p>Should we separate the required gravel in quotations in case there is no need for gravel to be replaced after the pad is removed?</p>	<p>No - we cannot assume what is underneath the pad and can only assume that it will have to be replaced. The intention was to create a level playing field by assuming it all must be replaced. The tender document asks that the price for installation of a new asphalt pad is separated from other elements - it is assumed that the gravel will be included in this line.</p>
<p>What is underneath the existing asphalt?</p>	<p>Unknown.</p>
<p>Is the only option for adherence to the ground of the boards the sonotubes, or can we use braces? The braces have a triangle base that extend out two feet at the base.</p>	<p>No - the preference is there are no braces that cause tripping hazards when the snow is gone, as the rink is intended for all season use. The sonotube option is a common method that has been mentioned by dasher board companies and was done at the Killaloe Outdoor Rink.</p>
<p>As the rink will be used in summer months, what is the required slope of the new pad to allow water to drain?</p>	<p>The asphalt should slope 1% from centre to allow for water drainage (<i>answer provided after meeting via email</i>).</p>

Were you successful in grant funding? Is there overage if the project was to be over the funding?	Yes - this project is funded by \$200,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Township anticipates the project may need further funding up to a maximum of \$100,000.
When was the rink last paved?	Unknown.
If we find a cost effective option for the concrete curb over the sonotubes, are we able to submit with the concrete curb?	As per the tender documents, sonotubes are the preferred way the boards are adhered to the ground. A separate proposal could be submitted with the concrete option, but the tender documents specify the boards should be adhered with sonotubes.
Can one firm submit two proposals?	Yes, companies are permitted to submit separate proposals if they wish. This is often seen when methods of completing a project vary - ie to price out two separate methods of adhering the boards to the surface, or other elements.
Does the Township want the removed gravel material?	No.
What board company did you receive ideas or specifications from to form this tender?	Numerous similar tenders and quotations from board companies were reviewed to assemble the tender. Welmar is the company that noted the sonotube option, and they are the ones who completed the Killaloe rink project and PJYCC indoor boards. There is no preference by the Township for board manufacturer.
How high does the chain link fencing have to be on each end?	No preference.
For the player shelter cladding, should it match the existing rink building?	No preference.
Where will the basketball hoops for the multi sport court be installed?	To the existing light poles.