

NHL General Information

In order to try and address some questions from Council at previous meetings, what follows is some general information regarding the structure and roles of NHL teams and the arenas they play in.

Of 6 Canadian NHL teams, only two teams (Edmonton and Calgary) have publicly owned arenas. Three of the remaining are in the largest metropolitan areas in Canada with significant corporate presence. These market sizes provide a greater opportunity for media revenues and corporate sponsorship and sales. The Ottawa team has been successful after two ownership failures that were both heavily leveraged.

In the attached table, American NHL teams have 10 private arenas and 13 publicly owned facilities. The funding mix of private and public varies considerably, but the operating models generally have a team, or a management company controlled by the team, operating the facilities. Oversight in some public facilities is provided through a Sports Authority or Foundation. The table outlines capital costs, current arena ownership and operating model information.