

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 @ 4:00 P.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

Committee Members Present:

- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chair
- Brian Milne, Deputy Mayor, Township of Southgate
- Dan Yake, Councillor

Staff Members Present:

- Matthew Aston, Director of Operations
- Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator
- Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager
- Karren Wallace, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
- Jessica Turnbull, Administrative Support

Guests:

- Lisa Hern, Councillor
- Alan Rawlins, Lions Member

Calling to Order
Chair McCabe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
Adoption of Agenda
RESOLUTION RPL 2022-001 Moved by Member Yake Seconded by Member Milne <i>THAT the agenda for the February 8, 2022 Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting be accepted and passed.</i> CARRIED
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None
Minutes of Previous Meeting – December 7, 2021 (approved by Council on December 13, 2021)
Report Business Arising From Minutes
None
Presentation
Scott Robinson of Architects Tillmann Ruth Robinson

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-002

MOVED BY Member Milne

SECONDED BY Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information the presentation on the Mount Forest outdoor pool by Scott Robinson of Architects Tillmann Ruth Robinson;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee set March 8, 2022 as the date for the public meeting.

CARRIED

Scott Robinson, Architects Tillmann Ruth Robinson, presented three concepts for the outdoor pool.

Member Milne asked if the prevailing wind direction have any bearing on layout with pools or accessories that go around it. Scott Robinson explained, it really becomes the element of the comfort on the deck and the exposure to the sun. Prevailing winds don't look like an issue in any of the concepts as there are some treed areas and buildings.

Member Milne asked the depth of the water in the beach, flat and swim lanes. Mr. Robinson answered that beach entry starts right at the deck and slopes down to the flat area which is around 38-42 inches for the Aquafit and same with the swim lanes. The deep end is depending on the height of the diving board, about 9 feet which is standard for a 1-meter dive board.

Member Milne asked the Recreation Services Manager (RSM) about his thoughts on the separate washroom facility to the bathhouse and if that is something that staff threw in there or if it is from the pool design company.

RSM explained that there are washrooms at the pavilion and are generally open daily to the public just across the street and wasn't in favour of the idea.

Chair McCabe asked if there are berms on the East and South side for privacy and wind break.

Mr. Robinson answered we would support putting in berms to the east and a bit towards the south with potentially doing a small one between the parking and deck space. He explained they want to try and allow some degree of privacy.

Member Yake asked the Director of Operations (DOO) if the future development to the east of the site is owned by the municipality. DOO answered that it is not municipal owned property.

Member Milne asked Mr. Robinson about the concept of the trellis and if it is the expectation that people come through the bathhouse to view the activities and children or do, they bring lawn chairs outside the fence. Mr. Robinson suggested not to set up viewing areas outside the limits of the fence as it's nice to know who's in the

facility and whose accompanying kids. Mr. Robison suggested everyone on the deck should be checked in and accounted for.

The Clerk mentioned that having all the spectators within the facility is a lot of screening and a lot of people to check in.

Mr. Robison mentioned that there is a fair bit of deck space, and they can expand it as desired but will bend the budget. Seating can be relative to the programming offered.

DOO stated that this is the first time these concepts have been made public and part of the process will be to see what public consultation results in. In Arthur there is a stand outside of the fence. Another thing to note is that some of the ideas shown on the concept's such as sunshades climbing walls etc. might be items that the fundraising committee takes under their wing from a funding standpoint.

There is another meeting tonight with the fundraising committee where some elements like the water feature and beach entry might be something that gets particularly fundraised for. All three concepts are in the magnitude of 5 million dollars and more than what the Township was planning for.

The public meeting suggested for March 8th and most likely will be remote.

Deputation

None

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Arthur BMX Skateboard Park Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting of January 26, 2022

Resolution RPL 2022 – 003

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information the minutes of the January 26, 2022, Arthur BMX Skateboard Park Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT the RPL Committee supports continuing negotiations with the Canadian Ramp Company on their proposal, removing the bike park, increasing half pipe to 5', quarter pipe to 4', with additional design considerations to be given to the pump track (layout, location, cost).

CARRIED

DOO shared that this was the meeting to evaluate proposals received for the skate park. After the request for proposal period no tenders were received. There was one received late, and staff agreed to open and review. There were two proposals to look at, one was the original proposal which was a skate park, pump track and a bike

track. As well that day Canadian Ramp Company working with staff put together a subsequent proposal that showed a skate park and pump track. The Report is what staff have come up with while working with Canadian ramp company. The Canadian Ramp Company does not recommend increasing the height of the two features because it would make it more difficult for junior skaters.

Councillor Hern stated that they have decided to combine the two proposals. The first one did include the BMX component, but they decided against that due to maintenance. She mentioned she does not like that the second proposal included grass in the middle of it.

Mr. Rawlins questioned raising the height of the quarter and half pipes as Canadian Ramp Company indicated it would not be friendly to smaller kids. The DOO answered that the recommendation that is before committee is to not raise them and stay with the 4 and 3 ft options, keeping in line with Canadian Ramp Company's recommendation. Director of Operations explained that the Canadian Ramp Company mentioned the system is very modular and if desired features can be added in the future.

Mr. Rawlins questioned if wood chips could be used when it comes to the pump track and the infield. Staff are currently looking at gravel which is low maintenance but could consider wood chips.

Reports

RPL 2022-001 Award of Brent Barnes Memorial Skatepark

Resolution RPL 2022-004
Moved by Member Yake
Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2022-001 being a report on the award of the Brent Barnes Memorial Skatepark;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North award the Brent Barnes Memorial Skatepark to Canadian Ramp Company at a cost of \$170,294.00 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommend Council approve a 4' half pipe and a 3' quarter pipe;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Director of Operations or their designate to sign any necessary agreements with the successful bidders to execute this project.

CARRIED

Mr. Rawlins asked the Director of Operations how the Canadian Ramp Company fastens the ramps down to the concrete. It was revealed that they lag the bolts into the concrete slab making a flat smooth slab.

The Director of Operations mentioned that the township can work with the lions first thing this spring as it relates to what the slab needs to look like.

Items for Consideration

The CAO discussed how the township have been contacted about hosting the Vax bus at the Arthur Community center and looked to run it past committee for thoughts and concerns. The Vax Bus has inquired about the site and access to washrooms as they are just in the preliminary stages of the process.
No concerns mentioned.

Roundtable

Member Yake asked RSM how things have gone since facilities have opened the last few weeks. The Recreation Services Manager mentioned things are going well and everyone is on board with the processes implemented there hasn't been any issues.

Ice extension (verbal)

The RSM explained that sports groups were notified January 25th about the new regulations, and we were prepared as they were given weeks notice to get ready for their return.

The ice will be taken out in Arthur March 28th and in Mount Forest April 4th.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-005

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of February 8, 2022 be adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

CARRIED