

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

Committee Members Present:

- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chair
- Dan Yake, Councillor

Staff Members Present:

- Matthew Aston, Director of Operations
- Mike Givens, Chief Administrative Officer
- Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator
- Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager
- Jessica Turnbull, Administrative Support

Guests:

- Andy Lennox, Mayor
- Sherry Burke, Councillor
- Vern Job, Aquatics Ad-Hoc Committee Member
- Jessica McFarlane, Aquatics Ad-Hoc Committee Member
- Shelley Weber, Aquatics Ad-Hoc Committee Member

Calling to Order
Chair McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Adoption of Agenda
RESOLUTION RPL 2022-026 Moved by Member Yake Seconded by Mayor Lennox THAT the agenda for the May 10, 2022 Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting be accepted and passed. CARRIED
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None
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Minutes of Previous Meeting – April 5, 2022 approved at Council on April 11, 2022, 2022
RESOLUTION RPL 2022-027 Moved by Mayor Lennox Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive the minutes of the April 5, 2022 Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Business Arising From Minutes

OPS 2022-007 Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Community Survey

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-028

Moved by Member Mayor Lenox

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2022-007 being a report on the Mount Forest outdoor pool community survey;

CARRIED

The Director of Operations (DOO) explained that staff received around 121 responses for the survey. The data collected can be used to better understand the wants and needs from the community. The Community Recreation Coordinator (CRC) presented the summary data from the survey to Committee. Concept 3 (hybrid) was the most favorable design option based on the survey results.

Member Yake stated that there was a good cross section of answers. Mayor Lennox expressed that the survey answers gave more context as well as conflicting recommendations. Councillor Burke added that the results are a good starting point for the aquatics fundraising committee specifically the question regarding additional features.

The CAO ask for clarification on next steps from council in terms of process for staff and the architectural firm that's doing the concept work.

Councillor Burke explained that the preliminary report gives her aquatics committee some of the answers they have been looking for, which will provide an opportunity to have valid discussions on fundraising efforts.

The DOO indicated next steps would be for Concept 3 to be used as a starting point. Following that, a modified Concept 3 will be brought back to committee, trying to incorporate as much of the feedback from the surveys as possible.

Additionally, question nine is one that the fundraising committee should take away and provide some feedback on as they now know what the community is looking for and how they see supporting those features. Councillor Burke added that between question nine and thirteen there will be good deliberations on what can be fundraised for by the committee.

Mayor Lennox added that there should be some consideration on staffing impacts as some amenities such as a water slide and high diving board will require more lifeguards on duty.

Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre Fundraising Roles and Responsibilities

The DOO explained that the RPL Committee's involvement in the pool is as design authority and ultimately approving the conceptual design. The Detailed design would

be a decision of council. The Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Committee role is to fundraise for amenities or enhancements over and above to what the core pool would be. Councils' role is to consider where the funding and financing is going to come from with respect to the core outdoor pool.

Chair McCabe suggested that naming rights be a decision of council and agreed that council fund the capital for the pool.

Councillor Burke added that any moneys or contributions received by neighboring municipalities should go towards the capital costs as there can be user agreements created, similar to the arena. The Lion's Club is a partner in fundraising efforts and their dollars should be put towards the fundraising efforts.

If the fundraising committee were to surpass their goal the dollars would go towards the pool and capital costs.

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Aquatics Ad Hoc Advisory Meeting April 5, 2022

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-029

Moved by Mayor Lennox

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 Mount Forest Aquatics Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes

How to engage the schools/children for comment?

Councillor Burke stated that there was some discussion on how to engage the school children for their comments. The Committee has members that are teachers who would like to discuss with their students, about what they would like to see in the pool. The intent would be to reach out to elementary school level students before school is out for the summer similar to the Mount Forest skateboard park and the Arthur skateboard park, keeping in mind not to delay the processes. Member McFarlane suggested amending the survey for the school age children in combination with the teachers going out and spending time with classes to go over the questions.

The DOO suggested sharing Concept 3 and questions nine and thirteen with the Committee members that are teachers to solicit feedback in the schools would be more achievable before year end.

Member Job asked when the fundraising committee will know the amount to raise for the amenities.

The CAO explained that the sunshades were estimated at \$15,000, water features at around \$30,000, climbing wall at around \$32,000 and they could look at an additional water feature based on some of the feedback which is an additional \$30,000. These numbers are based on Concept 3 as it relates to the amenities. Until the final concept is determined we will not know what the final amenities will be. The CAO added that once Concept 4 is complete it is indulgent on council to sit down and pick out what the enhancements are and give them to the fundraising committee with how much they cost. Member McFarlane stated that it would be easier for the fundraising committee to have some pictures when reaching out to businesses in fundraising efforts.

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-030

Moved by Mayor Lennox
Seconded by Member Yake

That the Recreation Parks and Leisure Committee direct staff to provide concept three and the results of question nine and thirteen to the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee to solicit feedback from local schools.

CARRIED

Reports

OPS 2022-005 Summer Programs

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-031

Moved by Member Mayor Lennox
Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2022-005 being a report on summer recreation programs;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North endorse that both the Arthur and Mount Forest pools remain operational for the 2022 summer season with a reduced program schedule of approximately 5 hours per day, per facility;

AND FURTHER THAT public swim, family swim and swimming lessons be given the priority when creating the program schedule

CARRIED

Mayor Lennox thanked staff for the report and recognised the challenge in hiring lifeguards and staff for the aquatic centres.

OPS 2022-008 Pickleball Program in Mount Forest

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-032

Moved by Member Yake
Seconded by Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2022-008 being a report on a pickleball program at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex.

CARRIED

The CRC explained that staff were approached by the Friends of Pickleball League. They asked if the Township would be willing to start a program in Mount Forest on the Sports Complex floor. Upon review of the rental schedule, staff felt it is something that can be provided to the community. The program would run May 30th – August 10th with 6 courts. It will be a drop-in program at a cost of \$5 per person.

Items for Consideration

None

Roundtable

The DOO spoke to the hard work completed by the CRC and Aquatics coordinator regarding the 2022 aquatics program.

The Arthur Lions have constructed the base for the Brent Barnes Memorial Skatepark and are concentrating on getting the concrete slab poured. The Canadian Ramp Company will be coming in the end of the month to install equipment.

Fencing at the Donald Softball Diamond has been installed.

The Recreation Services Manager explained that the generator at the Mount Forest arena has been installed and is up and running.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-033

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Mayor Lennox

THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of May 10, 2022 be adjourned at 7:50p.m.

CARRIED