

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
APRIL 11, 2017 AT 8:30 A.M.**

The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex.

**Committee Members Present:**

- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chairperson
- Andrew Lennox, Mayor
- Dan Yake, Councillor

**Absent:**

- Lisa Hern, Councillor
- Barbara Dobreen, Councillor, Township of Southgate

**Also Present:**

- Sherry Burke, Councillor

**Staff Members Present:**

- Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities
- Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Officer
- Mark McKenzie, Mount Forest Facilities Manager (absent)
- Tom Bowden, Arthur Facilities Manager
- Cathy Conrad, Executive Assistant
- Barry Trood, Water and Sewer Superintendent

**CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson McCabe called the meeting to order.

**PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION REC 2017-006**

Moved by: Yake

Seconded by: Lennox

*THAT the agenda for the April 11, 2017 Recreation & Culture Committee meeting be accepted and passed.*

**CARRIED**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST(S) AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared

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**DELEGATIONS**

David Sharpe, Fireworks Festival

Mr. Sharpe appeared before the Committee to request permission to host the demolition derby again; but, move the location to the grass area west of the Arena parking lot. The supplier of the cement blocks is willing to leave the blocks for future use if they can be stored on Arena property. The sponsor will level the area to be used. As the location can be get damp at times a request was also made to use the parking lot area as a backup location for the derby. Bleachers and light stands will be rented. The Fire Department has been contacted and is on board.

**Resolution Number REC2017-007**

Moved by: Mayor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

*THAT the Mount Forest Fireworks demolition derby be moved to the new location west of the Arena parking lot;*

*AND FURTHER THAT storage of the cement blocks on Arena property – in an orderly fashion – be passed;*

*AND FURTHER THAT if the need arises to move the derby back to the original site that this be allowed without further discussion from the Committee.*

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the February 14, 2017 Recreation & Culture Committee meeting were received and adopted by Council at the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 27, 2017.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No business arising from minutes was tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Arthur Splash Pad Site Meeting/Update

Barry Lavers informed the Committee that a meeting was held with ABC Recreation Limited, installers, the Optimist Club and Water Department at the site on Friday, April 7. A final sketch of what the splash pad will look like was hand delivered on site. Ozzi DiCarlo, Triton Engineering Services, had supplied the site plan to the Optimist Club and requested they locate the splash pad onto the site plan. They will supply a backflow device and regulator. A five foot cement path will be needed for accessibility. An accessible piece of playground equipment is planned for the playground by the Township. The Committee suggested using the Community Initiated

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Projects process for the playground equipment. An application for the County Accessibility Program will also be submitted.

Tom Bowden expressed concern with water discolouration. Filters will be needed. He expects to pressure wash the splash pad in the spring and estimates it will take a full day to complete. Without filters there will be additional pressure washing required by Township staff.

Barry Trood suggested that a two inch line will be needed for water installation. Installed filters will need to be accessible by Township staff. The two inch line will be tapped off an existing four inch line. The Water Department will supply a meter and a stop and drain valve. Mr. Trood had questions regarding the location of the control panel and meter and the filter requirements (sizing, flow restriction, etc). Triton Engineering will be contacted for further information and requirements.

Barry Lavers will arrange another site meeting with Triton Engineering and Township staff once site information is received from ABC Recreation.

Councillor Burke commented that there is a group in Mount Forest watching what is happening in Arthur and they are going to approach this Committee for a splash pad in Mount Forest.

2. Murphy Park Ontario 150 Update

Barry Lavers informed the Committee that he is meeting with a representative from Play Power to finalize plans for the park. A pirate theme is planned. A request was received from the Christian School in Arthur for the Township to sell or donate the old playground equipment to them. Barry is checking on the liability if they let someone else have the equipment.

3. Leisure Calendar

Calendars have been mailed out and Committee members confirmed that they have received a copy.

4. Pool Staff

Applications close Tuesday, April 18 and have been coming in steadily. Jena Bowden has applied for the Aquatic Supervisor position again.

5. Recreation Master Plan

The Recreation Master Plan RFP closes Tuesday, April 25. Three groups have inquired but no proposals have been received. It is expected that public meetings will be held; possibly in the spring and fall. Once complete a final meeting will be held with the Master Plan for Council approval

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Committee discussed moving ahead with the Mount Forest Pool issue by forming an Ad Hoc Committee prior to completion of the master plan. A report had been provided in July 2016 but no decision was made giving further direction.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Hockey Canada News (ORFA)

Barry Lavers informed the Committee that divided ice will be mandatory for initiation aged players in the 2017/18 season. There are dividers at both the Arthur and Mount Forest Arenas to accommodate the new policy.

**REPORTS**

Facility Usage Reports:

- Arthur Community Centre:
  - February - March 2016
  - February - March 2017
- Mount Forest Sports Complex:
  - February - March 2016
  - February - March 2017

Sign rental shouldn't be in Arthur report. Trying to find out how to remove.

**Resolution REC 2017-008**

Moved by: Mayor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

*THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information the Arthur and Mount Forest Facility Usage Reports for:*

- *February – March 2016*
- *February – March 2017*

**CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike Givens, CAO, announced that the trailer and cement blocks used for a pedestrian river crossing in Arthur have been removed by the Works Department.

Councillor Yake inquired about the following:

- Has the panel has been upgraded at the Mount Forest Pool. Barry Lavers informed the Committee that they are waiting on a second quote.
- Can an adjustment be made for heat in the Pro Shop in Mount Forest? Currently there is no heat. Barry Lavers will check into the issue.

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Barry Lavers thanked Dan Yake for his efforts organizing the Municipal Hockey Tournament.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting June 13, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution REC 2016-009**

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Mayor Lennox

*THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee meeting of April 11, 2017 be adjourned at 10:04 a.m.*

**CARRIED**