

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY MAY 4, 2021 @ 8:30 A.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING
<https://youtu.be/nCe3-t4wAUg>**

Committee Members Present:

- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chair
- Brian Milne, Deputy Mayor, Township of Southgate
- Dan Yake, Councillor
- Andy Lennox, Mayor ex officio

Staff Members Present:

- Matthew Aston, Director of Operations
- Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager
- Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator
- Tasha Grafos, Administrative Support
- Karren Wallace, Director of Legislative Services

Calling to Order
Chair McCabe called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
Adoption of Agenda
RESOLUTION RPL 2021-018 Moved by Member Yake Seconded by Member Milne <i>THAT the agenda for the May 4, 2021 Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting be accepted and passed.</i> <i>CARRIED</i>
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
Member Milne declared a pecuniary interest on the May 4, 2021 Agenda under the Reports being the Verbal report on the Arthur arena floor relating to a contractor that is a relative. Member Yake – None.
Minutes of Previous Meeting – April 6, 2021 (approved by Council on April 12, 2021)
Business Arising From Minutes
Arthur Floor (Verbal) Recreation Services Manager: The work on the Arthur Arena Floor is going very well and should remain on schedule. The removal of old material has been completed. New headers have been installed and they have begun bringing in sand and working on the curbing. Target date remains August 1 st for concrete.

Chair McCabe has requested that photos of the progress be sent to the committee.

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-019

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2021-006 being a report on the Mount Forest Optimist Baseball Diamond Jim Donald Donation;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to work with Mr. Donald to implement the works associated with the donation at the ball diamond at the south-end of the Mount Forest fairgrounds property;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council approve a special 2021 capital project of \$30,000 to allow staff to construct improvements that will improve this project but fall outside of the donor's scope;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council direct staff to fund this project from the Township's Capital Infrastructure Reinvestment Reserve Fund;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council name the ball diamond at the south-end of the Mount Forest fairgrounds property the "Donald Softball Diamond" in recognition of the family's donation until December 31, 2041.

CARRIED

Chair McCabe welcomed Jim Donald to the meeting.

The Mount Forest Optimist Club, Mount Forest Minor Ball and the Mount Forest Slo Pitch League were provided a copy of the Committee meeting agenda. In addition, the Mount Forest Optimist Club was invited to attend.

The Donald family is providing a donation of \$100,000 to go towards upgrades of the ball diamond located at the south-end of the Mount Forest Fairgrounds. The donation would cover costs associated with the installation of new fencing, red clay surfacing and to support the Mount Forest Minor Baseball Association with their upgrades to the players area. The remaining funds would be placed in an account with the township, for future projects. The upgrades to the ball diamond would fall under the Township's Procurement Policy and will progress in accordance with the policy. This would be first red clay diamond in the list of Township's assets.

Staff recommend that an additional \$30,000 be funded by the Township to improve drainage issues at the time of construction.

Chair McCabe asked if the Township could reuse the old stone dust that will be removed to install the clay. Recreation Services Manager responded that the dust would be used on other diamonds in Mount Forest as well as along the track at the fairgrounds. The completion of this project is scheduled for this fall.

Deputation

None.

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

None

Reports

Media Release May 4, 2021

\$18,200 OTF Grant Supports Arthur Pool Upgrades

The Township was successful with a grant application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation and will receive \$18,200. These funds will be used to upgrade the Arthur Pool facility. The reception area will be renovated to include a wraparound desk and sneeze guard, allowing for distancing and protection of staff and community members. Two outdoor showers and a second emergency exit off the deck will be installed as well.

This project will be completed by the end of June. As part of the OTF requirements for receiving this grant, we are required to hold a public event to promote our investment. We are currently planning an online launch to the renovations due to the current restrictions for in-person gatherings.

Mayor Lennox asked if there would be any additional costs. Community Recreation Coordinator explained that the \$18,200 covers the entire project, less the costs of necessary building permits and engineering consult.

Arthur Seniors Centre Correspondence / Damascus Hall Centre Correspondence

Every 60 days the Township has been reaching out to the Centres to advise on the current restrictions and guidelines due to COVID-19 in place from the province and public health and to offer a Township recommendation on a reopening date based on the guidelines.

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-020

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2021-008 being a report on the drainage at Lion Bill Moody Playground.

CARRIED

Chair McCabe asked that we please pass on thanks to the Roads department on behalf of the committee for their help in this project.

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-021

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2021-007 being a report on summer programs.

CARRIED

Director of Operations explained that there is some uncertainty regarding the summer programs. The current Province of Ontario orders will expire on May 20th, at which time we will have a better understanding on how or if the programs can progress. Staff feel that it will be too late to make a decision at the June 1st Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting as those minutes would not be ratified until the June 14th Council meeting. As such, staff would like to bring a recommendation forward at the May 25th meeting of council.

New Business/Roundtable

Community Recreation Coordinator provided an update on the Arthur OptiMrs Playground and Arthur BIA Outdoor Gym. Both projects will begin work later this week, dependent on weather. The Arthur OptiMrs Playground will be completed within two weeks. The Arthur BIA Outdoor Gym cement pad will be poured at the end of this week and allowed to cure for a week, at which time the equipment can be installed.

Recreation Services Manager gave an update on Memorial Trees. We have two new trees across from the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex, in memory of Doug McLellan and Clarence Sarvis.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-022

Moved by Yake

Seconded by Milne

THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of May 4, 2021 be adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

CARRIED