

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 13, 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
- Lisa Hern, Councillor
- Barbara Dobreen, Councillor, Township of Southgate

Absent:

- Dan Yake, Councillor
- Andrew Lennox, Mayor

Staff Members Present:

- Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities
- Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Officer
- Mark McKenzie, Mount Forest Facilities Manager
- Tom Bowden, Arthur Facilities Manager
- Michelle Stone, Administrative Support

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson McCabe called the meeting to order.

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION REC 2017-010

Moved by: Councillor Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Lisa Hern

THAT the agenda for the June 13, 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

DELEGATIONS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the April 11, 2017 Recreation & Culture Committee meeting were received and adopted by Council at the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 23, 2017.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

CAO Mike Givens brought up some concerns relayed to him regarding the new trees planted in the lot adjacent to parking lot at the Mount Forest Arena. The resolution passed by Council to allow the Demolition Derby to use that area may put these new plantings in jeopardy. Facility Manager Mark MacKenzie has addressed the concerns and Township staff will relocate the trees temporarily. That area is the Demolition Derby preferred area for the event, but the rain amounts received may preclude usage there and require moving the derby. Councillor Dobreen inquired if the trees in question were part of past discussion of memorial plantings, and these are not memorial trees.

Director of Recreation Barry Lavers updated the Committee on the status of the Murphy Park Ontario 150 Grant Project. The Arthur Christian School will dismantle and remove the old equipment and re-locate all or portions of the units to their location. The equipment involved is being replaced and the Township will require that a release of any liability be executed prior to the old equipment being dismantled and moved.

Chair McCabe addressed the appearance of the rocks at the water's edge in Murphy Park, stating he feels they are an eyesore in their current location. Chair McCabe will contact Mr. Wayne Broham, General Manager at the Saugeen Conservation Authority. It was noted that any work required near the water will need a permit.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Arthur Splash Pad Update - Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities
The splash pad has progressed well and next steps will be completing the landscaping. It is reported that it will be completed by Father's Day. The water system has been tested; the perimeter sidewalk finished and the pavilion roof is to be re-shingled by the Optimist Club. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Canada Day, Saturday, July 1st, 2017.
Andy Culp, Arthur Optimist President, indicated he believes the Township will pay for sidewalk installation
2. Mount Forest Homecoming Update - Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities
The Homecoming Committee planning continues and there are no reported issues at this time. The Township was able to get the 20 additional picnic tables requested and the event tents will be erected on the sports field next week.
Volunteers have done great job on gardens both here and at Cork Street with assistance from Township staff at bridge.
3. Fireworks Festival Update - Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities
Both the Demolition Derby and MMA events have been confirmed and contracts are being finalized.
4. Murphy Park Ontario 150 Update - Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities
Timeframe is for the old equipment to be moved beginning July 17th and the installation of new equipment is scheduled for July 24th. The renovations required for the washrooms will be done later by Schwindt Construction and re-paving will be completed once the summer season is over.

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5. Stick & Puck Sponsored Skate - Chair McCabe
There has been a request to explore the possibility of "Stick and Puck Sponsored Skate" which would be similar to a public skate but allow pucks and hockey sticks at the Arthur Arena. The Township currently offers "Parent and Tots" free skate time and does allow pucks and hockey sticks. This is held several mornings at both facilities. Some larger centers offer similar programs with instructors and all participants must wear proper equipment. The program primarily focuses on skating and passing drills but there are no nets or puck shooting allowed. Chair McCabe will get more information and discuss with Arthur Minor hockey. Facility Manager Tom Bowden stated that there is some ice time available.

6. Recreation Master Plan - Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities
Chair McCabe, Director of Recreation Barry Lavers and Treasurer Kim Henderson are meeting with the two consultants who submitted presentations for review Wednesday, June 21st. They anticipate having a report for Council for the June 26th Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

RAC 2017-004 MF Pool Electrical Panel

Resolution REC 2017-011

Moved by: Councillor Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Lisa Hern

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report RAC 2017-004 being a report on the service upgrade of the electrical panel for the Mount Forest Lion Roy Grant Pool.

CARRIED

RAC 2017-005 MF Sports Complex Water Stations

Resolution REC 2017-012

Moved by: Councillor Lisa Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Barbara Dobreen

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report RAC 2017- 005 being a report on the installation of 2 water bottle filling stations/fountains at the Mount Forest Sports complex;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be deferred until more information is received regarding bluew.org registration and funding

CARRIED

Director of Recreation Barry Lavers will look into options for funding and Blue W (bluew.org) with a report back to committee. The Blue W is a unique community-based program dedicated to promoting municipal tap water as a healthy, easily accessible alternative to purchasing bottled drinks.

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RAC 2017-006 Arthur Arena Water Station

Resolution REC 2017-013

Moved by: Councillor Lisa Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Barbara Dobreen

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report RAC 2017- 006 being a report on the installation of a combination water bottle filling station/drinking fountain at the Arthur Community Arena;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that staff be directed to proceed with the installation of a new combination Water bottle filling station/drinking fountain at the Arthur Community Arena.

CARRIED

Director of Recreation Barry Lavers was approached by Mr. Dan Hapely, who has offered funding from an existing memorial fund. A recognition memorial plaque would be installed above the new drinking station upon completion. Current team photos in that location will be moved to another display area.

RAC 2017-007 Arthur Arena Facility Signage

Resolution REC 2017-015

Moved by: Councillor Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Lisa Hern

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report RAC 2017- 007 being a report on the installation of new Facility Signage at the Arthur Community Arena.

CARRIED

RAC 2017-008 Arthur Splash Pad Hours of Operation

Resolution REC 2017-016

Moved by: Councillor Lisa Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Barbara Dobreen

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report RAC 2017- 008 being a report on the proposed hours of operation for the Arthur Splash Pad for the 2017 season;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that the Arthur Splash Pad be opened to the public after July 1st, 2017 from 10 am - 8 pm daily until the Monday following Arthur Fall Fair when it will be closed for the 2017 season;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that the Arthur Splash Pad be opened to the public for the first weekend in June 2018 from 10 am - 8 pm daily and remain open until the Monday following Arthur Fall Fair when it will be closed for the 2018 season;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that the above 2018 scheduled hours of operation remain in effect unless revised by the Council of the Township of Wellington North.

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The Health Unit will inspect the splash pad prior to the official opening and Township staff will be required to do daily inspections throughout the season.

Resolution REC 2017-017

Moved by: Councillor Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Lisa Hern

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

- April 1 – May 31, 2017
- April 1 – May 31, 2016

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Facility Manager Mark Mackenzie raised a concern over lack of signage for the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex. It has been two years since this initiative began through the County but there has been no signage installed as of yet. CAO Mike Givens will follow up with the County and proceed from there.

Facility Manager Tom Bowden has been approached by Arthur Minor Ball for more early diamond times to be available for the younger teams. There has been an increase in numbers of younger teams and scheduling has become a challenge. This may necessitate building a new diamond in the future. He will inform Minor Ball that ball diamonds are also available at the schools.

Arthur Trail update – Director of Recreation Barry Lavers spoke with the Clark Brothers about the Arthur Trail Extension and they will provide a quote completing the final section to the Damascus Sideroad. There is \$6000.00 remaining from previous donations and the original quote was thought to be between \$8000.00 and \$10,000.00 and CAO Mike Givens will personally take care of arranging the extra funding if required. The Township does not want to go back to the County as the Township would be required to re-apply for any funding and that would take time.

David Stack, the moving force behind the Arthur Trails, passed away recently and CAO Mike Givens feels that the Trail needs to be completed this year as the Stack family deserves to see it completed.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting September 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Mount Forest Sports Complex

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution REC 2017-018

Moved by: Councillor Lisa Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Barbara Dobreen

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee meeting of June 13, 2017 be adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

CARRIED