

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY JULY 6, 2021 @ 8:30 A.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING
<https://youtu.be/yIXRX6pdhbl>**

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

- Dan Yake, Councillor

Staff Members Present:

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

Calling to Order
Chair McCabe called meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
Adoption of Agenda
RESOLUTION RPL 2021-029 Moved by Member Milne Seconded by Mayor Lennox <i>THAT the agenda for the July 6, 2021, Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting be accepted and passed.</i> <i>CARRIED</i>
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None.
Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 1, 2021 (approved by Council on June 14, 2021)
Business Arising From Minutes
RPL 2021-011 Dog Parks RESOLUTION 2021-030 Moved by Mayor Lennox Seconded by Member Milne <i>THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2021-011 being a report on off-leash dog parks;</i>

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North reconfirm that the priority recreation capital projects for 2021 remain as 1. the Donald Family Ball Diamond upgrade and 2. the request for proposals (RFP) for the conceptual design of the Mount Forest outdoor pool;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council direct staff to bring the off-leash dog park project back as part of a future capital budget consistent with the development charges study or future Council direction.

The Director of Operations indicated this report follows the direction provided to staff at the June 1, 2021 Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee. This report reconfirms that the recreation department priority capital projects remain the Donald Softball Diamond and the Mount Forest Outdoor Pool.

The 2018 Recreation Master Plan identifies a community desire for an off-leash dog park. This recommendation remains dependent on a location evaluation and the identification of a lead organization or community group to support the operational efforts.

An off-leash dog park remains a future consideration for the recreation services team and is identified in the Development Charges study.

The CAO acknowledged that there is a need for a lead organization or committee to come forward that is established to support in the selection of the location for the off-leash dog park as well as the operational efforts.

DIRECTION TO STAFF: Staff were directed to send Mr. Wettlaufer a letter thanking him for his deputation. The correspondence should explain that this project is a future consideration and reconfirm expectations that are in the Recreation Master Plan. A copy of Report RPL 2021-011 Dog Parks, should be included with the correspondence. Staff were also directed to send similar correspondence to the Arthur OptiMrs Club.

Deputation

None

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-031

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Minutes of May 18, 2021

CARRIED

Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2021

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-032

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Minutes of June 22, 2021:

AND FURTHER THAT the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee recommend the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North appoint Jessica McFarlane as a public member on the Committee.

CARRIED

The Director of Operations stated that during the June 22, 2021 meeting, there was much discussion on fundraising activities. On July 27th, the Mount Forest Lions Club will be hosting a drive thru dinner. Chair Burke of the Aquatics Committee has called a meeting for tonight, July 6, to discuss promotional and merchandise materials, utilizing the logo design in RPL 2021-013 Mount Forest Aquatics Logo.

RPL 2021-013 Mount Forest Aquatics Logo

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-033

Moved by Mayor Lennox

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee responses regarding the logo to be used on promotional and merchandise materials.

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North approve the logo for use on promotional and marketing material.

CARRIED

The Director of Operations indicated that this report follows the meeting of the Aquatics Committee meeting on June 22, 2021.

Reports

RPL 2021-012 Mount Forest Outdoor Pool

RESOLUTION 2021-034

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2021-012 being a report on the Mount Forest Outdoor Pool.

CARRIED

The Director of Operations explained that the scope of the RFP outlined in the Report would be to aid in procuring a design firm that would assist staff in working through the design concept of a new outdoor pool. There should be three designs for the basic

pool design, which is part of the Township Capital Budget, as well as design elements for at least five additional features, which would be items that the Aquatics Committee would fundraise for.

The CAO explained that part of the challenge will be the direction to staff from council. Council has directed staff that the budget is approved to “replace” the pool. Determining what is an enhancement and/or additional features rather than replacement could be difficult.

RPL 2021-014 COVID-19 Reopening

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-034

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information report RPL 2021-014 COVID-19 Stage 2 Reopening.

CARRIED

Recreation Services Manager provided an update as to where we stand in the three stages of reopening. In Stage 2 we can allow the return of outdoor sports leagues. Some have already started back this week. We do require that they provide the Township with a copy of their Return to Play plan that their league has in place.

Outdoor amenities are now open, including pools and splashpads, all with minimal restrictions.

The Township is not yet permitted to have indoor use other than for religious services. Our day camps are now running in the facilities, which is permitted under the regulation.

Community Halls cannot be rented for anything other than community services.

We are still waiting for more detail on what restrictions will be in place when we move into Stage 3.

Items for Consideration

RPL 2021-015 Wayfinding Signage

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-035

Moved by Mayor Lennox

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information report Wayfinding Signage.

CARRIED

The Community Recreation Coordinator reminded Committee that the wayfinding signage was brought forward earlier this year and now includes one minor alteration,

which is the inclusion of the Township of Wellington North crest. An additional change is required, to correct the gap between down town.

Mayor Lennox discussed the pushback from the community when “High Healthy and Happy” slogan was removed from the Entry signs to Mount Forest and replaced with “Simply Explore.” He suggested that to avoid more pushback from the community that the Simply Explore be removed from the Mount Forest Wayfinding signage.

A decision was made to bring the design to council for a more robust discussion on the removal, replacement or keeping with the current slogan.



Summer Programs (verbal)

The Community Recreation Coordinator reported that the Arthur outdoor pool opened June 21, with a limitation of 25 people in the pool for public and family swims. There is still room to fill more swimming lesson timeslots in Arthur.

The Mount Forest pool is on track to reopen on July 12, following the shallow end pool liner repair. The pool inspection is scheduled to happen on Thursday July 8. The maximum capacity for public swim will be 30. The lesson schedule in Mount Forest is near full, with not much room for more.

Due to current circumstances, uncertainty of the pandemic, limitations on numbers, and general COVID-19 restrictions, we have decided not to sell Season Passes this year. Instead, when a family or individual reaches the limit of having paid for what would normally be a Season Pass price, they will be admitted for free after that time. This is easy to track as we conduct contact tracing for each session.

Day camp opened yesterday, July 5, with most weeks at capacity. Staff continue to perform daily screening. The County of Wellington will be conducting inspections at our Day Camps on July 13th and 15th as part of the fee subsidy agreement.

Arthur Arena Floor (verbal)

The Recreation Services Manager reported that the floor is still on schedule for completion by August 1st. Everything is progressing well, the piping is now installed,

and the floor is poured. The curbing will be going in next week and the boards are scheduled to be installed the week of July 12.

Pictures have been taken weekly of the progress and once the project is complete, there will be a full slideshow to show the progression from start to completion.

Correspondence with Arthur Seniors Hall and Damascus Community Hall

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-036

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information the letters of correspondence with Arthur Seniors Centre and the Damascus Community Hall.
CARRIED

The Director of Operations explained that there are ongoing conversations with the two groups. Under the current restrictions the recommendation is that the Damascus Community Hall can reopen their outdoor facility and the Arthur Seniors Hall remain closed until July 31.

Roundtable

Member Milne: It is nice to see commerce back in action throughout the community.

Chair McCabe: The process of reopening, has been a long one, thank you to all Township staff and recreation staff.

Community Recreation Coordinator: A new emergency gate, two outdoor showers and a desk have been installed as part of the Ontario Trillium Grant the Township received for the Arthur Pool. The only outstanding item is the installation of a sneezeguard. Once the sneezeguard is installed, the project will be complete. Staff are working with the OTF communications team to organize a recognition event per our agreement.

Director of Operations: The Mount Forest Pool required a repair to the liner. That repair is now complete, and the pool has been filled. It will be ready to open after the inspection is complete. Mandy did a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure programs could open and keeping up to date on the changing parameters of the restrictions.

The RFQs for the Red Clay and fencing at the Donald Softball Diamond will be brought before council.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-037

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Mayor Lennox

THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of July 6, 2021 be adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED