

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 @ 1:00 P.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

Committee Members Present:

- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chair
- Dan Yake, Councillor
- Brian Milne, Deputy Mayor, Township of Southgate

Delegation:

- Sherry Burke, Councillor

Staff Members Present:

- Mike Givens, CAO
- 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/Clerk

SUBJECT
Calling to Order
Chair McCabe called meeting to order at 1:02pm
Adoption of Agenda
RESOLUTION RPL 2020-021 Moved by Member Yake Seconded by Member Milne <i>THAT the agenda for the July 7, 2020 Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting be accepted and passed.</i> CARRIED
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None
Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 3, 2020 (approved at Council on March 9, 2020)
RESOLUTION RPL 2020-022 Moved by Member Yake Seconded by Member Milne <i>THAT the minutes of the March 3, 2020 Recreation Parks and Leisure Committee be received.</i> CARRIED
Business Arising From Minutes

1. RPL 2020-006 Fundraising Partnership Opportunities

RESOLUTION

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2020-006 being a report on fundraising partnership opportunities;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North to direct staff to enter an agreement with local minor sports organizations to promote and sell seat naming rights at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex as funding raising;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council establish a cost per seat of \$200 and a sale price of \$500 the difference of which will be funds raised to support the community group;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council direct staff to provide the seats on a per row basis and that cost payment is made in advance;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council direct staff to ensure the marketing of the program and the original placement of the name tag be performed by the community group but any necessary replacement or maintenance on the name tag for a period of five years following the original placement of the name tag be performed by the Township, after which the name tag may be removed at the discretion of the Township.

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-023

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT Resolution on the floor be amended by removing the following: and a sale price of \$500 the difference of which will be funds raised to support the community group

CARRIED

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-024

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2020-006 being a report on fundraising partnership opportunities;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North to direct staff to enter an agreement with local minor sports organizations to promote and sell seat naming rights at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex as funding raising;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council establish a cost per seat of \$200;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council direct staff to provide the seats on a per row basis and that cost payment is made in advance;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council direct staff to ensure the marketing of the program and the original placement of the name tag be performed by the community group but any necessary replacement or maintenance on the name tag for a period of five years following the original placement of the name tag be performed by the Township, after which the name tag may be removed at the discretion of the Township.

CARRIED

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- Mount Forest Aquatics Committee – Councillor Burke

Councillor Burke extended a thank you to the Recreation Services team for their efforts in opening the splash pads and has received positive feedback from the community.

The Mount Forest Lions Splash Pad opened in late 2019. A grand opening, family fun day and park dedication hosted by the Lions Club was scheduled to take place in June 2020, however, due to all events being cancelled, the event is being rescheduled to 2021. The fundraising group has worked very hard to close the funding gap of \$6,700 and is currently 4 pathway bricks short of having the engraver back on site.

Councillor Burke also informed the Committee that a family has come forward with an interest in planting a memorial tree at the site of the splash pad. As such, Councillor Burke requested that the staff report later in the agenda be received for information and that the site plan be presented at a future Ad Hoc Aquatics Advisory Committee meeting. Staff will work with Councillor Burke to organize a meeting for the Ad Hoc Aquatics Advisory Committee.

Members of the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee shared their congratulations with Councillor Burke and the fundraising group.

RPL 2020-008 Mount Forest Splash Pad

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-025

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2020-008 being a report on the Mount Forest Splashpad;

CARRIED

- Arthur BMX/Skateboard Park – Community Recreation Coordinator

The Arthur BMX/Skateboard Park Committee is looking at how they might be able to offer chicken barbeques under the new restrictions. In addition, they are looking at opportunities to partner with the downtown groups.

- Lynes Blacksmith Shop – Community Recreation Coordinator on behalf of Chair of Lynes Blacksmith Shop, Kate Rowley

The Committee continues to perform work at the property following all provincial and public health guidelines. Volunteers are asked to support the efforts in maintaining the landscaping on site and the Township continues to perform general lawn maintenance. Fundraising efforts have been challenging due to restrictions in place, however an application for the Ontario Trillium fund is being drafted with support from township staff. Large events will not proceed this year, but the committee is thankful for financial support from the County, which will go towards the restoration of the second forge. A change of use is being pursued following discussions with the Chief Building Officer. Township staff have offered to support the creation of a website for the Lynes Blacksmith Shop, to further increase their online presence.

Reports

Financial report for Arthur & Mount Forest

Recreation Services Manager: On March 15th, 2020, all facilities in the Township were closed to the public. Since then, facilities have been maintained with four full time employees. Staff are currently preparing for the reopening of the facilities and the extra costs associated with increased cleaning, disinfecting, and reduced numbers of people that can be in the building.

The Mount Forest & District Sports Complex currently hosts an Assessment Centre.

Financial implications:

Lost revenue from March 15 – June 30, 2020 is approximately \$157,000.00 with a reduction in operating expenses of approximately \$70,000.00.

1. RPL 2020-009 Capital Project Update

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-026

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2020-009 being a report on Recreation capital budget items;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend to the Council of the Township of Wellington North that staff purchase a new kitchen heater for the Damascus Community Centre with the funds that were allocated for a new furnace.

CARRIED

Direction to staff to ensure that letters of thanks are sent to Chalmer's Fuels for the generous donation of propane furnaces for Damascus Community Hall and the Lynes Blacksmith Shop.

2. RPL 2020-012 Trails

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-027

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2020-012 being a report on the trails in Wellington North;

CARRIED

3. RPL 2020-010 Conn Playground

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-028

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2020-010 being a report on the Conn Playground;

CARRIED

4. RPL 2020-011 COVID-19 Update

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-029

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2020-011 being a report COVID-19;

CARRIED

New Business/Roundtable

Member Milne: Commended township staff for work they are doing to keep everyone safe and healthy, in mind as well.

Director of Operations: The township is in a position that if there is interest from the public in booking facilities, we are open to those conversations. With the Assessment Centre being in the Mount Forest Sports Complex, it may pose a challenge for rentals, but staff understand that it is a greater benefit to the community. Staff are continuing to monitor interest in bookings.

Recreation Management hosted a meeting with team members, where staff expressed thanks to township decision makers for their employment. This has been a great opportunity to complete tasks that we have not been able to get around to doing. Staff are confident that facilities are at a level that they can be opened once restrictions are eased.

CAO: Regarding the Assessment Centre, the CAO is in regular conversations with the CEO of the North Wellington Health Care and the Family Health Team. The Township wants to continue to support their efforts despite it not generating revenue from the arrangement. The CAO expressed concern with opening the sports complex if the

Assessment Center is still operational in the facility. The CEO of North Wellington Healthcare and the Family Health Team are looking at other provisions if testing and assessment continues. It is assumed that testing may be required for an extended period of time, as long as there is no vaccine.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-030

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of July 7, 2020 be adjourned at 2:30pm

CARRIED