

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 @ 8:30 A.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

- Dan Yake, Councillor

Deputation:

- Sheryl Spencer

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

SUBJECT
Calling to Order
Chair McCabe called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
Adoption of Agenda
RESOLUTION RPL 2020-031 Moved by Member Milne Seconded by Chair McCabe <i>THAT the agenda for the September 1, 2020 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 – March 3, 2020 (approved at Council on March 9, 2020)
Business Arising From Minutes

1. Trails – Verbal Report

Staff intend to spend the remaining 2020 Capital budget for trail development on the Mount Forest Pedestrian Bridge and to enhance the surfacing on the Arthur Trail system. Work on the pedestrian bridge will be prioritized based on safety requirements in consultation with Township engineers. Prior to work proceeding, the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority will be engaged for comment and approval.

2. RPL 2020-017 Conn Pavilion and Playground

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-032

Moved by Member McCabe

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks & Leisure Committee receive for information report RPL 2020-017 being a report on the Conn Pavilion and Playground.

CARRIED

3. RPL 2020-016 Community Ice Cream Cone Hunt

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-033

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member McCabe

THAT the Recreation, Parks & Leisure Committee receive for information report RPL 2020-016 being a report on the Community Ice Cream Cone Hunt.

CARRIED

Deputation

Sheryl Spencer

Based on the Book, Mount Forest: The Way We Were by William J. Edwards, it was established that there is a First Nations relation to Mount Forest and the naming of what is now known as the Saugeen River. The intent is to acknowledge this relationship and honour Chief James Newash in our Township. Working with the Chippewas of Newash, this story should be established and available to our community.

Direction to staff

Consult with local historian's, other First Nation communities as well as Provincial and Federal government for additional information.

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- Mount Forest Aquatics Committee

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-034

Moved by Member McCabe

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks & Leisure Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting held on August 25, 2020.

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation, Parks & Leisure Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting held on August 11, 2020, that did not meet quorum.

CARRIED

- Arthur BMX/Skateboard Park – No updates
- Lynes Blacksmith Shop – No Updates

Reports

1. RPL 2020-013 Memorial Tree Planting Report

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-035

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member McCabe

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2020-013 being a report on approved locations for memorial trees;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North approve the proposed locations for memorial trees as presented in Schedule A.

CARRIED

2. RPL 2020-019 COVID-19 Update 2

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-036

Moved by Member McCabe

Seconded by Member Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2020-019 being a report on COVID-19;

CARRIED

Items for Consideration

1. Mount Forest Site Plan
2. Arthur Site Plan

The intent of the Mount Forest and Arthur Site Plans is to support conversations with user groups and organizations regarding the land surrounding the sports complex and arena. Staff will connect with township engineers to ensure that all recreation amenities are identified on the site plans.

3. Investing in COVID-19 Community Resilience

Unfortunately, the township received notification that we were not successful in our application for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Community, Culture and Recreation Stream.

The application identified infrastructure enhancements to the Arthur & Area Community Centre including increased accessibility in the arena and community hall through modifications to washrooms, changerooms and the hallway; improvements to the floor to ensure longevity of use, as well as the addition of energy efficient lighting to support green initiatives. The Arthur Optimist Club had come forward as a partner in the project and will be notified that our application was unsuccessful.

The 2020 Budget included \$1.1 million for upgrades to the Arthur & Area Community Centre, however these dollars were tied to a successful ICIP application. As the application was unsuccessful the dollars allocated in the 2020 budget will need to be discussed again.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Stream

The new COVID-19 Resilience stream will help communities respond to the immediate pressures and concerns as a result of the current pandemic as well as build resiliency for the future. The new time-limited stream will have an increased federal cost-share for a broadened range of infrastructure projects and a simplified approval process to allow work to get underway quickly while respecting public health measures. The COVID-19 Resilience stream will fund the following types of infrastructure projects:

- Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous buildings; health infrastructure; and schools;
- COVID-19 response infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing;
- Active transportation infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths; and
- Disaster mitigation and adaptation projects, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, and tree planting and related infrastructure.

Direction to Staff

To prepare a letter under the signature of the Mayor and Council expressing our disappointment in not being successful in our application and further emphasize the need for this project in our community.

New Business/Roundtable

Adjournment

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-037
Moved by Member McCabe
Seconded by Member Milne
THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of September 1, 2020 be adjourned at 9:18 a.m.
CARRIED