

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 AT 8:30 A.M.**

The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex

Present: **Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chairperson**
 Andy Lennox, Mayor
 Barbara Dobreen, Councillor, Township of Southgate
 Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities
 Michael Givens, CAO/Deputy Clerk
 Mark McKenzie, Mount Forest Facilities Manager
 Cathy Conrad, Executive Assistant
 Paul Dowber, Treasurer

Absent: **Dan Yake, Councillor**
 Tom Bowden, Arthur Facilities Manager

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson McCabe called the meeting to order.

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION REC 2015-33

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the agenda for the September 15, 2015 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

DELEGATION

Marshall Uretsky, Director – New Program Development, Greater Metro Hockey League

Mr. Uretsky presented a proposal to the Committee to host a Greater Metro Hockey League Junior A team in Arthur. The Greater Metro Hockey League is a hockey company that operates under a pay to play business model. Mr. Uretsky provided background information about the league which began as an alternative to existing Junior Leagues in North America in 2006 – 2007 with 7 locations. They are currently looking to

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fill in the South-Western Ontario corridor while being mindful of the proximity amongst the roster of team in order to manage logistics and operating costs. They are hoping to expand by 2 to 3 teams per year. the league is open to several scenarios regarding creation of a new team, including league ownership, league creation with an objective to seek out an individual owner or ownership group, or their preference of attracting the interest of a community or local owner willing to commit to operate a team, and provide information and assistance that will insure the club is in a position to succeed from the outset. A team would require billets for players, daytime ice rental for practices, ice time for games one night per week and a private dressing room. The season runs from the first week of September to April.

The committee questioned how many of the team members would be local and how many would be from other countries and how these players continue their schooling. Mr. Uretsky advised that the league averages 50% Canadian players, 25% from the US and 25% from other countries. Players continue their schooling on line.

Staff was directed to speak with Orangeville, Shelburne and Markdale to obtain information on how this league is run and to find out how many of the leagues teams have competing teams like the Mount Forest Patriots.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the June 4, 2015 Recreation & Culture Committee meeting were received and adopted by Council at the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 22, 2015.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Arthur Saturday Nights Men's League

The Arthur Saturday Nights Men's League wants to book ice time in Arthur. There have been past issues with alcohol in the dressing rooms, not vacating the dressing rooms after games and disrespect of staff. The facility manager has offered ice time; but, ice time is not available for the time the league wants.

- 2) Swimming Season 2015

Final numbers are not in yet as there are some bills that have not come in. Revenues at the Mount Forest pool have increase; however, revenues at the Arthur pool are down. The majority of pool users are youth.

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3) Canada 150 Infrastructure Funding Announcement

Wellington North has received funding for Arthur that will be utilized in the 2016 budget.

4) 2015 Recreation Fee Schedule

The current fee schedule was provided for the committee's review. Staff was directed to prepare a 2% fee increase for review at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lori Gray, Director, Dance Fuel

– **Request for reduced rental fees for new program**

Ms. Gray is looking into the possibility of starting dance classes in Arthur on Thursday evenings. She is requesting a reduced rental rate for this program that would run from mid September to the end of May.

Committee discussed the rate reduction and availability. Staff is already in the facility on Thursday evening with hockey and lacrosse. There is a user in Mount Forest that is receiving a reduced rate. The Committee discussed how reducing the rate would give an opportunity for the program to get started. Committee suggested a tiered pricing system for facilities could increase usage.

Resolution REC 2015-34

Moved by: Mayor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee supports the Dance Fuel organization and to help foster the establishment of your organization in Arthur the Committee authorizes the rental of the Upper Hall at the Arthur Community Centre on Thursday evenings between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., when the Arena is under operation already, for the period September 15, 2015 to May 31, 2016 at \$15 per hour (plus HST), for up to three hours.

The Committee reserves the right to revisit the future rental rate.

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REPORTS

Report RAC 2015-008 - 2015 Recreation Capital Program

Resolution REC 2015-35

Moved by: Mayor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information report RAC 2015-008 being a report on the Recreation Department 2015 capital program.

CARRIED

Report RAC 2015-009 Letter of Agreement Upper Grand Trailway West Luther

Resolution REC 2015-36

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive report RAC 2015-009 being a report on the Letter of Agreement Upper Grand Trail between the Township of Wellington North and the Arthur Trails Group;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee recommends the Council of the Township of Wellington North authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into the Letter of Agreement on behalf of the Township of Wellington North to further the development and future operations/maintenance of the Upper Grand Trailway West Luther (former CP Rail Lands)

CARRIED

Report RAC 2015-010 - Arthur Arena Structural Report

Resolution REC 2015-37

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information report RAC 2015-010 being a report on the Arthur Arena Structural Inspection by B.M. Ross.

CARRIED

Facility Usage report Mount Forest

Facility Usage report Arthur

Resolution REC 2015-38

Moved by: Mayor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information the Arthur and Mount Forest Facility Usage Reports for the month of August 2015.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Givens, CAO, commented that the User Ice Agreement between Wellington North and Southgate expires December 31.

Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities, reported that the other roof top HVAC unit at the Arthur Arena has been decommissioned after an inspection. It needs to be replaced prior to winter. Committee directed Barry to obtain quotes and present to Council at a future Council Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

November 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex a

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution REC 2015-39

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee meeting of September 15, 2015 be adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

CARRIED