

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 @ 8:30 A.M.
MOUNT FOREST & DISTRICT SPORTS COMPLEX – MEETING ROOM**

Committee Members Present:

- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chair
- Andrew Lennox, Mayor
- Lisa Hern, Councillor
- Brian Milne, Deputy Mayor, Township of Southgate

Absent:

- Sherry Burke, Councillor

Staff Members Present:

- Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Office
- Catherine Conrad, Deputy Clerk
- Matthew Aston, Director of Operations
- Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager
- Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator
- Tasha Grafos, Administrative Support
- Dave Guilbault, Fire Chief
- Jayde McRobb, Wellington Heights Secondary School Co-Op Student

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| Calling to Order |
| Adoption of Agenda |
| <p>RESOLUTION REC 2019-040 Moved by: Milne Seconded by: Lennox <i>THAT the agenda for the December 10, 2019 Township of Wellington North Recreation and Culture Committee meeting be accepted and passed.</i> CARRIED</p> |
| Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - None |
| Delegations |
| <p>1. RAC 2019-020 Damascus Hall</p> <p>Rita Cudney and Dianne MacDonald, Damascus Hall Committee, provided a history of the Committee, originating in 1978. Fundraising, rentals, expenses and capital projects were discussed. The Damascus Hall Committee members were recently told that they need to replace the furnace oil tank. Alternatively, a new propane furnace could replace the oil furnace that was installed in 1991 and is coming to the end of its lifespan. The Damascus Hall Committee would like to proceed with replacing the furnace with a new propane furnace; but, felt that this is a capital expense that the municipality should be responsible for. They requested that the Township of Wellington North pay for this capital expense.</p> <p>RESOLUTION REC 2019-041 Moved by: Hern Seconded by: Lennox</p> |

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information Report RAC 2019-020 being a report on the Damascus Hall;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommend to Council, as per the agreement with the Damascus Hall Committee, and as it is a capital expense to replace the furnace; staff be directed to proceed with procurement as per standard practice for the inclusion in the 2020 budget.

CARRIED

Direction was given to staff to update and formalize the agreement with the Damascus Hall Committee.

2. Downtown Mount Forest Group Event

Kelly Dimick, Natalie Overholt and Susan Wells, representing the newly formed Downtown Mount Forest Group, requested permission to hold a Christmas Tree Burn Event at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex on January 4, 2020. They requested that the Township of Wellington North provide the location, insurance, cleanup and Fire Department support for the event.

The Fire Chief gave approval for the event provided that the following conditions were met; Approval from the Council of the Township of Wellington North, that proper insurance is acquired for the event, that the Fire Department lights the fire and also feeds the trees into it to ensure the fire was manageable.

RESOLUTION REC 2019-042

Moved by: Lennox

Seconded by: Milne

That the Recreation & Culture Committee recommend to Council to support the first inaugural Downtown Mount Forest Group Christmas Tree Burn event by assisting with location, insurance, cleanup and Fire Department support.

CARRIED

Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 3, 2019 (approved by Council on September 9, 2019)

Business Arising From Minutes

Reports

1. Facility Revenue Report

RESOLUTION REC 2019-043

Moved by: Lennox

Seconded by: Hern

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive the Facility Revenue Report.

CARRIED

2. Year-to-Date Financial Summary

RESOLUTION REC 2019-044

Moved by: Hern

Seconded by: Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive the Year-to-Date Financial Summary.

CARRIED

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| <p>3. Report RAC 2019-021 Capital Project Update 2019</p> <p>RESOLUTION REC 2019-045</p> <p>Moved by: Lennox</p> <p>Seconded by: Milne</p> <p><i>THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information Report RAC 2019-021 being a report on the Capital Project Update 2019.</i></p> <p>CARRIED</p> |
| <p>4. Report RAC 2019-022 Mount Forest Splash Pad Hours of Operations</p> <p>RESOLUTION REC 2019-046</p> <p>Moved by: Milne</p> <p>Seconded by: Lennox</p> <p><i>THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report RAC 2019-022 being a report on the proposed hours of operation for the Mount Forest Splash Pad;</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommends to the Council of the Township of Wellington North that the Mount Forest and Arthur Splash Pads be opened to the public for June 1, 2020 from 10am – 8 pm daily and remain open until the 30th day of September 2020;</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommends to Council that the above 2020 scheduled hours of operation remains in effect for subsequent years unless revised by the Council of the Township of Wellington North.</i></p> <p>CARRIED</p> |
| <p>5. Report RAC 2019-023 Playground Replacement Program</p> <p>RESOLUTION REC 2019-047</p> <p>Moved by: Hern</p> <p>Seconded by: Lennox</p> <p><i>THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information Report RAC 2019-023 being a report on a Playground Replacement Program.</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to set priorities and establish a Playground Replacement Program.</i></p> <p>CARRIED</p> |
| <p>6. Report RAC 2019-024 Mayor's Charity Bonspiel</p> <p>RESOLUTION REC 2019-048</p> <p>Moved by: Hern</p> <p>Seconded by: Lennox</p> <p><i>THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information Report RAC 2019-024 being a report on the Mayor's Charity Bonspiel.</i></p> <p>CARRIED</p> |
| <p>7. Report CAO 2019-007 Recreation & Culture Committee Governance</p> <p>RESOLUTION REC 2019-050</p> <p>Moved by: Milne</p> <p>Seconded by: Lennox</p> |

THAT Resolution REC 2019-049 be amended by removing the following clauses;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommends to Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North that effective January 1, 2020 Recreation Committee meetings be integrated with Council meetings:

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommend that staff prepare a revised Terms of Reference for the new Recreation Committee in advance of the first called meeting of the committee in 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommend that staff make the necessary revisions to the Township Procedural By-law required to allow for the inclusion of the new Recreation Committee in future Council agendas/meetings.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION REC 2019-049

Moved by: Hern

Seconded by: Lennox

THAT Recreation & Culture Committee receive report CAO 2019-007 being a report on the Recreation & Culture Committee Governance.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION REC 2019-051

Moved by: McCabe

Seconded by: Milne

That the Recreation & Culture Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to prepare terms of reference for the new Recreation Committee with consideration of option 1 outlined in report CAO 2019-007 for adoption at a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

8. Report RAC 2019-025 Township of Southgate Recreation Agreement

RESOLUTION REC 2019-052

Moved by: Milne

Seconded by: Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information Report RAC 2019-025 being a report on the Township of Southgate Recreation Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee recommend the Council of Wellington North direct staff to prepare an agreement between the Township of Wellington North and the Township of Southgate;

AND FURTHER THAT The Recreation and Culture Committee recommend the Council of Wellington North authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement between the Township of Wellington North and Township of Southgate.

CARRIED

9. Non-Profit Rates and Fees Discussion

The Recreation & Culture Committee discussed a recent announcement from the Township of Mapleton Council regarding the offering of a 100% discount of fees and charges for nonprofit groups and minor sports organizations. The Township of Wellington North offers a Grants, Donations and Waiver of Fees program that organizations can apply for. Minor Sports organizations already receive significant

subsidized rental rates. The Committee considered the delivery of value vs costs and accountability to taxpayers and did not have a desire to change policies.

Other Business

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- Mount Forest Aquatics

Report TR2019-017 Being an Update on the Mount Forest Splashpad Initiative

RESOLUTION REC 2019-053

Moved by: Milne

Seconded by: Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information Report TR2019-017 being an Update on the Mount Forest Splashpad initiative.

CARRIED

- Arthur Village Skateboard/BMX

Councillor Hern, Mandy Jones and members of the Arthur Lions Club met with Mr. Cox's Grade 6 Class at the Arthur Public School to discuss the proposed BMX/Skateboard Park and established priorities. Fundraising is going well.

- Lynes Blacksmith Shop

The Lynes Blacksmith Shop Committee is continuing with their efforts and have approached the Township regarding responsibility for utility costs. The Township covers insurance for the property. It was suggested that as the culture component is to be removed from this committee Kate Rowley be asked to provide future updates to Council. Councillor McCabe will discuss this with Kate.

New Business/Roundtable

Discussion Items:

1. Mount Forest Agricultural Society Agreement

The current agreement expires in April 2021. The Society would like to see how a new agreement might look.

2. Stick and Puck Program

The Stick and Puck Program being offered in Arthur is unstructured ice time to practice stick handling. It is a family program and not for hockey teams. Cost is \$5.00 per visit and offers an opportunity to practice on nets. The program is using ice time that was not being used and has had 71 participants so far with a revenue of \$355.00.

3. Recreation Leisure Guide

The Leisure Calendar is being reformatted as a guide that focuses on facilities and programming. It will be distributed in March with information regarding registering online in April using the new PerfectMind software.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION REC 2019-054

Moved by: Lennox

Seconded by: Hern

THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation and Culture Committee meeting of December 10, 2019 be adjourned at 11:15 a.m.
CARRIED