

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MOUNT FOREST AQUATICS AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 29 @ 6:30 P.M.
PLUME ROOM, MOUNT FOREST AND DISTRICT SPORTS COMPLEX**

Committee Members Present:

- Sherry Burke, Councillor, Chairperson
- Laurie Doney, Member
- Al Leach, Mount Forest Lions Club
- Ray Tout, Member
- Jessica McFarlane, Member

Staff in Attendance:

- Mandy Jones, Manager of Recreation, Community and Economic Development
- Mike Wilson, Community Development Coordinator

Regrets:

- Vern Job, Mount Forest Lions Club
- Penny Renken, Councillor, Member

| Call to Order |
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| Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. |
| Adoption of Agenda |
| Moved by Member Leach Seconded by Member Tout THAT the agenda for the April 29, 2025, Township of Wellington North Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting be accepted and passed. CARRIED |
| Declaration of Pecuniary Interest |
| None declared. |
| Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 21, 2025 |
| Accepted by Council at the February 24, 2025 Meeting of Wellington North Council Moved by Member Doney Seconded by Member McFarlane THAT the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee receive for information the Minutes from the January 21, 2025, committee meeting. CARRIED |
| Corporate Donor Update |
| Moved by Member Leach Seconded by Member Doney THAT the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee receive for information the verbal update on presentations made to local organizations since the last committee meeting. |

CARRIED

Members Tout and Leach updated the committee on their recent presentations and visits to local businesses and organizations since the January meeting. Member Tout mentioned that they will be following up on previous meetings and plans to arrange new meetings with two local businesses soon. The committee has compiled a list of local businesses they intend to contact.

Financial Statements

Moved by Member McFarlane
Seconded by Member Leach

THAT the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee receive for information the financial update.

CARRIED

Staff provided a financial update to the committee. The Business Account at Royal Bank in Arthur has a balance of \$17,678.71 as of March 31, and the Township's Mount Forest Pool Donations GL has a balance of \$209,750.00 as of April 28. A total of \$552,000 in pledges are yet to be received. The total funds raised, including pledges, as of April 28 are \$779,428.71.

Member Tout reported he has received approximately \$775 to be deposited into the Mount Forest Pool Donations account from residents.

Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

Moved by Member Tout
Seconded by Member Doney

THAT the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee receive for information the verbal update from staff on the application made to the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 2.

CARRIED

Staff informed the committee that there has been no correspondence from the province regarding the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund application, which was submitted earlier this year for approximately \$2.7 million (50% of the project cost). As of April 28, the fund is still accepting applications, and no announcements have been made by the province. With the provincial and federal elections now complete, staff are hopeful that announcements will be made soon and remain optimistic about receiving good news.

Chair Burke also shared optimism about the grant, noting that meetings with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport at the AMO Conference and ROMA Conference were well received, with Ministry representatives showing interest and engagement in the conversation.

The committee briefly discussed other grant possibilities, and staff reported that they are continuously seeking grant opportunities for this project

Other Business/Roundtable

None.

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| Next Meeting |
| Next meeting will be held at the call of the chair. |
| Adjournment |
| Moved by Member Doney Seconded by Member Leach THAT the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting of April 29, 2025, be adjourned at 6:59 p.m. CARRIED |