

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MOUNT FOREST AQUATIC AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

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

Committee Members Present:

- Sherry Burke, Councillor, Chairperson
- Michael Givens, CAO
- Raymond Tout, Lions Member
- Jim Andress, Lions Member
- Jayme Hewson, Public Member
- Laurie Doney, Public Member

Also Present: Mayor Lennox
Dale Small, Economic Development Officer

Staff Present: Michelle Stone, Administrative Support

Absent: Dan Yake, Councillor
Marty Young, Public Member

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION MFA 2018-008

Moved by: Jim Andress

Seconded by: Ray Tout

THAT the agenda for the April 10th, 2018 Mount Forest Aquatic Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST(S) AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared.

DEPUTATIONS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION MFA 2018-009

Moved by: Ray Tout

Seconded by: Jim Andress

THAT the minutes from the February 27th, 2018 meeting of the Mount Forest Aquatic Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee of the Township of Wellington North be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MNUTES - None

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1 COMMITTEE MANDATE (TERMS OF REFERENCE)

- a. Finalized Committee Mandate

2 SPLASH PAD UPDATE

- a. An update on Splash Pad Planning and Implementation
Lions Club Member Ray Tout reported he contacted three companies in researching Splash Pad development and construction.
1 - ABC Recreation built the Arthur and Walkerton Splash Pads and the playground at Victoria Cross Public School in Mount Forest.
2 - Open Space Solutions were very informative and implemented Drayton's vision for their Splash Pad at a cost of \$200,000.
3 - Acapulco Pools mentioned that stainless steel is more susceptible to breakdown over time versus fibre glass.
Considerations discussed were to look at doing site visits to splash pads recently constructed within a certain radius; timeline and construction costs. Noting costs will be higher to construct in spring. Based on discussion the Committee agreed to further consult with both of ABC and Open Space. These two companies will be considered and Ray Tout will schedule presentations with ABC and Open Spaces for the next Committee meeting May 8th, 2018.
- b. Farm Credit Canada-Agrispirit Fund Application Update – EDO Dale Small
The Mount Forest Lions Club in partnership with the Township of Wellington North submitted an application in March 2018 for \$25,000 with letters of support from the Mount Forest Chamber, the Business Improvement Association, Youth Action Council and Young's Home Hardware. The application focused on youth and capital which meets the criteria. Funding recipients will be announced in August. Eligibility of expenses incurred in advance of funding approval will need to be considered.
- c. Water and Storm Services in the area of Bill Moody Park (King and Newfoundland Streets, Mount Forest)
The CAO presented sketches provided by Barry Trood, Water and Sewer Superintendent and Gary Matthews, Mount Forest Roads Foreman, outlining the current water and storm services status in the proposed area for the splash pad.
Water service will not be an issue and there may be some concerns with existing storm sewers which may need to be addressed but is not a major deterrent to moving forward with splash pad at that location but will impact overall project costs.

3 FUND RAISING EVENT

- a. Planning for June 2018 Fundraising Event
Member Ray Tout announced that a fundraising event has been planned for June 30th, 2018 and shared information with the Committee on the plans for the event.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

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REPORTS – None

ROUNDTABLE

The CAO shared preliminary results on information for the construction of a new pool in Mount Forest. Tammy Pringle, Recreation Administration, reached out to other smaller townships who have recently constructed new outdoor pools. Many are doing indoor pools which is not feasible for Mount Forest. Strathroy-Caradoc did construct a new outdoor facility in 2014 and the CAO contacted them for further information more specifically related to our needs. One of the considerations for proceeding with an outdoor pool beyond the annual operating losses (\$400,000 to \$600,000 annually) was the inability to staff an indoor facility year round. They are heavily reliant on student guards who return to the community during the summer months. Strathroy-Caradoc would be open to a site visit from the Committee. Their pool opens in June.

ROUNDTABLE / COMMENTS

Based on discussion and a recommendation from the Committee, Township staff will source signage for new splash pad and pool to make residents aware. This will be sourced through MARCC Apparel and bring options for the Committee to consider to a future Committee meeting. Member Ray Tout – will move ahead with arranging for presentations from ABC and Open Spaces for the next Committee meeting.

Mayor Lennox – as per interest from the Committee, a site visit date will be arranged

Jayne Hewson – Inquired about when actual fund raising can begin, are we required to wait until a plan in place and can we look at donations for work to be done or “in kind” contributions? The CAO explained that we need to follow a procurement process and any “in kind” are dealt with as part of the Township’s Charitable Donations Policy.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held at the Mount Forest Sports Complex on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 in the Plume Room at the Mount Forest Sports Complex at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION MFA 2018-010

Moved by: Ray Tout

Seconded by: Andy Lennox

THAT the Mount Forest Aquatic Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting of April 10, 2018 be adjourned at 7:58 pm.

CARRIED