

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MOUNT FOREST AQUATIC AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 8, 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

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

Committee Members Present:

Sherry Burke, Councillor, Chairperson
Dan Yake, Councillor
Michael Givens, CAO
Marty Young, Lions Member
Raymond Tout, Lions Member
Jayme Hewson, Public Member
Laurie Doney, Public Member

Also Present: Mayor Lennox

Staff Present: Dale Small, EDO

Mark MacKenzie, Mount Forest Facility Manager
Michelle Stone, Administrative Support

Absent: Jim Andress, Lions Member

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION MFA 2018-011

Moved by: Marty Young

Seconded by: Laurie Doney

THAT the agenda for the May 8th, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

- ABC Recreation Presentation – Mike Kitchen and Ed Sebastiao

ABC Recreation started in 1992 as a playground equipment company and have expanded to include water play splash pads, shelters, sun shades, benches and more.

The presentation provided background on their Canadian supplier, Vortex Aquatic Structures.

The process was outlined to build and install from start to finish, which includes the opening and closing of the splash pad for the first year in use, with training for municipal staff. They use protective “boots” around all fixtures for safety. All installations (structural, electrical, mechanical and plumbing) are done by certified technicians. “In Kind” from local contributors can help with financial considerations. They work with the municipality and to back out any “in kind” contributions from cost.

They explained the financial and water use differences for the three water management solutions they offer that meet or exceed all environmental standards and regulations.

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1. Re-Circulation – similar to a swimming pool filter, a method that is a closed circuit system, recycling & disinfecting through a Water Quality Management System. Up front cost is more (approx \$120,000) but uses 10-15% less water than Flow-Through. Can be staff dependant if a water quality issue develops. Constant filtration with auto shut off when water issue detected.
2. Flow-Through – 95% municipal water usage through activation drain with set hours of operation working with an child friendly activation ball in 4 minute cycles. Uses a 2” water service with a 10 hour operation window (75 – 100 cubic meters per day weather dependent). Reliable but controller not as user friendly.
3. Repurpose / Collection Water Supply – .A sustainable solution that re-uses effluent water for surface and sub-surface irrigation. Simple to operate and requires minimal maintenance.

Arthur costs were \$140,000 and they incorporated a “Poppy” theme working with Arthur’s designation as Canada’s Most Patriotic Village.

There were examples of completed splashpad projects for the committee to view. There is a large choice of themes and the ability to “personalize” to suit the location. An average size for a small community is 1,500 – 2,000 square feet with costs dependent on elements, themes and other additions. Examples shown from Arthur, Port Elgin, Southampton and Walkerton ranged in cost from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Best value is ground sprays. Nozzles that go from mist to spray are better for younger children, less invasive but use more water. When choosing a design, the age factor of users is an important consideration. Installs can be done into the fall. Once order is placed, it is a 7- 8 week time frame to have equipment made and the actual install can be started on a Monday and by Friday have “water flying”.

Staff traing time for our staff would be approximately 1 hour .

- **Open Space Solutions Presentation – Janet Elliott**
They represent Water Play, a Canadian manufacturer, focusing on the large impact that a splashpad can have on a small community as a multi generational gathering place. Accessibility is very important and they meet all Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) standards. Splashpads have a lower liability and injury rate than playgrounds and have lower operating costs that pools. The vision must match the ages in the focus group in order to design an age appropriate splash pad and theme. Custom graphics, colors, shapes and themes can all be incorporated into the design. Examples included nautical, sports, grasslands, fire department, animals and municipal logosto make distinct to municipality. Their features are flush to grade bottom mounts. They also help with fundraising with marketing brochures, grant writing, poster boards for local businesses who donate, custom graphics costs donated and armour stone rocks that can be sold with a family or business name on them to make perimeter of splashpad. Work with municipality to incorporate best features for our flow rate and use a Flow-Though system to cut costs. Ability to choose water features that have lower flow rate. Maintenance is about 20 minutes a day. Training is included for municipal staff for daily maintenance and the open and close procedures.

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Examples shown from Kincardine, Thorndale, Windsor, Ailsa Craig, Wilmot, Hensall and more. In Windsor they incorporated a Fire Fighter theme to honor a fallen fire fighter and Ailsa Craig used a turtle theme for their famous Turtle Races. Hensall had a smaller budget to start but built with ability to do add-ons as funds became available. Currently working with Drayton on a 2,100 square foot facility.

Happy to work with “in kind” donations and township can provide meter hook up also to off set costs. There is also a re-capture system available that can have water flow into a tank then be used for municipal watering.

They are happy to work with local businesses for “in Kind” work for concrete, granular, plumbing and electrical but not for mechanical.

Timeline would be 2 – 3 weeks once order is placed. Ground sprays go in immediately and splash pad used with larger features taking 6-8 weeks and added later. Fall construction can be a good option to allow for more fundraising and “In Kind” . Popular fund raising idea is the stone – we purchase for \$895.00 and they sell upwards from \$1500.00

Budget taken into consideration and when set, concept will be built according to budget, design and theme. No building permit or inspections required to build, no annual inspections but must adhere to water safety standards and AODO

Chair Burke then invited the Committee for their input. After some discussion it was decided to move forward with getting costs for a new pool so Council and Lions could look at financial considerations and budgets that would need to be in place before proceeding with a splashpad and committing to a new pool by 2020. Community engagement should also be looked at. It was decided that the next step is to have some pool companies come and do presentations on building a 4500 square foot pool so the Committee can get a better understanding of wishes versus costs for a new pool. Mark MacKenzie will send some contact information that he has to Mike Givens. Presentations will be scheduled as soon as can be arranged.

DEPUTATIONS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Committee Minutes from the Tuesday, April 10, 2018 were received and adopted by Council at the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, April 23, 2018.

RESOLUTION MFA 2018-012

Moved by: Ray Tout

Seconded by: Jayme Hewson

THAT the minutes from the April 10th, 2018 meeting of the Mount Forest Aquatic Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee of the Township of Wellington North be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Signage for new Splashpad

The Committee reviewed the signage option prepared by MARCC Apparel the Committee for the “Future Home of the Lions Splashpad”.

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After some discussion, the Committee recommended that they would like the word “Lion’s”, the Lion’s Club Logo and barometer removed with the ability to add later.

RESOLUTION MFA 2018-013

Moved by: Jayme Hewson

Seconded by: Laurie Doney

THAT THE *Mount Forest Aquatic Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee recommend to Council signage option prepared by MARCC Apparel for the Future Home of the Splashpad be accepted;*

AND FURTHER THAT *staff be directed to proceed with the ordering and erecting of the sign.*

CARRIED

2. Signage for the new Swimming Pool – Tabled for future meeting

Four signage options prepared by MARCC Apparel were presented to the Committee for their review for the “Future Home of the Lions Swimming Pool”.

3. Fund Raising Event

Lions members Marty Young and Ray Tout updated the Committee on ticket availability information and noted excitement is building for the fund raising event scheduled for June 30th, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORTS – None

ROUNDTABLE / COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held at the Mount Forest Sports Complex, Plume room. Time to be determined when presentations from pool companies can be arranged. Tuesdays are preferable by the majority of the committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION MFA 2018-014

Moved by: Marty Young

Seconded by: Ray Tout

THAT *the Mount Forest Aquatic Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting of May 8th, 2018 be adjourned at 10:03 pm.*

CARRIED