

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2021 @ 8:30 A.M.  
VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

**Committee Members Present:**

- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chair
- Brian Milne, Deputy Mayor, Township of Southgate

**Committee Members Absent:**

- Dan Yake, Councillor

**Staff Members Present:**

- Mike Givens, CAO
- Matthew Aston, Director of Operations
- Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager
- Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator
- Tasha Grafos, Administrative Support

<b>Calling to Order</b>
Chair McCabe called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>
<p>RESOLUTION RPL 2021-001  Moved by Member Milne  Seconded by Chair McCabe  <i>THAT the agenda for the February 2, 2021 Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting be accepted and passed.</i></p> <p><i>CARRIED</i></p>
<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest</b>
None
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting – December 8, 2020 (approved by Council on December 14, 2020)</b>
Received.
<b>Business Arising From Minutes</b>
<p>RESOLUTION RPL 2021-002  Moved by Chair McCabe  Seconded by Member Milne</p> <p><i>THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive a verbal report by the Director of Operations regarding ice in the facilities;</i></p>

*AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend to the Council of the Township of Wellington North on February 8, 2021 to direct staff to begin to remove the ice as soon as February 9, 2021.*

*CARRIED*

### **Deputation**

Jim Donald, Optimist Diamond, Mount Forest

Jim Donald and family would like to donate the funds required for upgrades to the Optimist Diamond in Mount Forest. These upgrades include removing the stonedust and replacing it with red clay, fixing the fence along the first base line and ensuring access to the diamond with the addition of a gate. The cost of upgrades would be completely funded by Jim Donald and Family with the upkeep and maintenance the responsibility of the municipality.

Direction to Staff:

Prepare a report for discussion at the next Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting on March 2, 2021 regarding the operational costs and maintenance required for a clay infield.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-003

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Chair McCabe

*THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive the minutes of January 26, 2021 Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee.*

*CARRIED*

### **Reports**

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-004

Moved by Chair McCabe

Seconded by Member Milne

*THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2021-001 being a report on the Arthur OptiMrs Playground Design;*

*AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North approve design concept Option 3 Motor Skill Mastery which includes design changes discussed at Committee and noted in the minutes;*

*AND FURTHER THAT a final design be brought back to the Committee for approval;*

*AND FURTHER THAT once a final design has been approved by the Committee that it be forwarded to Council for adoption by resolution.*

*CARRIED*

Stephen Van Meer, Park N Play Design

Mr. Van Meer discussed Park N Play Design's "Option 3" that was approved by Council on January 25, 2021. This design offers a fully accessible and multigenerational use of the playground. The six key elements of play that are intrinsic to the healthy development of the child have been incorporated into the design. Further discussion regarding the specifics of each piece of the equipment and the use of the playground and the benefits of play within the community.

Shawna Lougheed, Arthur OptiMrs

Ms. Lougheed expressed that the design of the playground was well received by the Arthur OptiMrs Club with the only concern being the colour palette for the equipment. If possible, the Arthur OptiMrs Club would prefer the colours reflect the Club colours of purple, yellow and white. Ms. Lougheed also informed Committee that the OptiMrs Pavilion will receive some freshening up with the install of a new sign in April 2021, new picnic tables and the possible addition of an accessible ramp.

Mr. Van Meer ensured the Committee that there are many colour options available and there would be no upcharge for alternate colour choices.

## 2. RESOLUTION RPL 2021-005

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Chair McCabe

*THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information Report RPL 2021-002 being a report on the 2022 Recreation Rates & Fees;*

*AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend the Council of Wellington North approve the 2022 Recreation Rates & Fees.*

**CARRIED**

Direction to staff to bring the 2022 Recreation Rate & Fees By-law to the February 22, 2021 meeting of Council.

Staff raised concerns regarding the advertising fees due to COVID-19 restrictions and facility closures. A discussion regarding the use of Safe Restart Funds to recover the financial impact of the advertising program was had.

CAO Mike Givens stated that that Safe Restart funds are for operational losses during the 2020 year and that currently there is no clarification on the use of the funds for losses incurred in 2021.

Direction to Staff:

To conduct research on the availability of Safe Restart Funds for the purpose of recouping loss of advertising sales budgeted in 2021.

3. Damascus Community Hall & Arthur Seniors Centre Correspondence  
Correspondence was sent to the Damascus Community Hall and Arthurs Seniors Centre recommending that all bookings and programming is cancelled until April 30, 2021.

4. 2021 Budget (Ice)

Staff are seeking the support of an engineering firm to assist in the replacement of the Arthur Arena floor. Discussions will continue with the Arthur Minor Lacrosse Association. If there is no lacrosse this spring, it would be the ideal timing to complete the project. Council has endorsed this project.

**Items for Consideration**

**New Business/Roundtable**

Cachet Developments Donation

Two donations were received from Cachet Developments. \$500 has been given to the Arthur Lions BMX and Skateboard park. The second donation of \$1500 is intended for capital expenses or programming.

CAO had a meeting with Dr. Mercer, Medical Officer of Health for Wellington Dufferin Guelph, on February 1, 2020. It was revealed that when the Provincial Stay at Home Order is lifted, regions will go back to the status they were in before the order. For Wellington Dufferin Guelph, this would mean Red Zone, where we would remain for at least two weeks. This would indicate that the best-case scenario puts the earliest of returning to lessened restrictions is the end of February.

Director of Operations indicated that the date for Grand Opening of the Splash Pad in Mount Forest is subject to change, depending on the status of COVID-19 restrictions. Staff are working with Park N Play Design for the installation of the Arthur BIA Outdoor Gym.

**Adjournment**

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-006

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded Chair McCabe

*THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of February 2, 2021 be adjourned at 9:59 a.m.*

**CARRIED**

Next meeting will be March 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.