

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY APRIL 6, 2021 @ 8:30 A.M.  
VIA WEB CONFERENCING  
<https://youtu.be/nlaEb1witXk>**

**Committee Members Present:**

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

**Staff Members Present:**

- Mike Givens, CAO
- Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager
- Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator
- Tasha Grafos, Administrative Support
- Karren Wallace, Director of Legislative Services

<b>Calling to Order</b>
Chair McCabe called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>
<p>RESOLUTION RPL 2021-012  Moved by Member Milne  Seconded by Member Yake  <i>THAT the agenda for the April 6, 2021 Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting be accepted and passed.</i>  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest</b>
<p>Member Milne declared a pecuniary interest on the April 6, 2021 Agenda under the minutes of the March 2, 2021 being the Verbal report on the Arthur arena floor relating to an unnamed contractor. Since that meeting, he became aware that the contractor is a relative.</p> <p>He declared a further pecuniary interest on the April 6, 2021 Agenda under Business Arising being a Verbal report on the Arthur arena floor as the contractor doing the work is a relative.</p> <p>Member Yake – none  Chair McCabe - none</p>
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 2, 2021 (approved by Council on March 8, 2021)</b>
<b>Business Arising From Minutes</b>

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-013

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member Milne

*THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North approve the agreement with the Mount Forest Agricultural Society.*

**CARRIED**

Cathy Moore, Director, Mount Forest Agricultural Society joined the meeting.

Following discussions with the Mount Forest Agricultural Society, the wording in section 4.e. was modified to include “make best efforts”. *The Society will make best efforts to ensure that parking is contained to the parking lot off King Street.* Staff explained that during the Fair, the grounds are blocked off for use by the Agricultural Society only, so parking will not be an issue. During auction sales or other agricultural events on site, the Society is asked to keep parking to King Street to the best of their ability.

Cathy Moore asked what would happen if the Township were to sell the existing fairgrounds. CAO Givens explained that the Township would make best efforts to accommodate the Fair, noting that a Fair has many different requirements. Currently, the existing fairgrounds are not for sale. If there came a time where they were, it would be a decision of Council on how to proceed.

Member Milne removed himself from the meeting as he had previously declared a conflict with this item as the contractor is a relative.

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-014

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member McCabe

*THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information the update on the Arthur Arena Floor.*

**CARRIED**

A slide show presentation of the work at the Arthur Arena was shown.

The work at the Arthur Arena began on March 15, 2021 with the boards coming out. Much of the floor, boards and glass has been repurposed, limiting the amount that needs to be sent to the landfill.

The Arthur Optimist Club has taken the boards to potentially use for their outdoor rink, and Kenilworth Auto Recycler took the concrete floor to reuse. In addition, much of the insulation under the surface will be repurposed and some of the glass above the boards will be reused.

Everything is moving along very well, with little to no challenges on site.

They are anticipating the floor will be poured by August 1<sup>st</sup>, however, they are ahead of scheduled and may be able to complete this earlier.

Member Milne rejoined the meeting.

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-015

Moved by Member Milne  
Seconded by Member Yake

*THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information the update on the Mount Forest Optimist Baseball Diamond Jim Donald Donation*

**CARRIED**

Staff have been working closely with Jim Donald and the Mount Forest Minor Baseball Association. Pending approval, the proposed timeline for the completion of the work is September/October of 2021. As staff did not receive the financial information from contractors, they recommend that a subsequent report come to committee for discussion.

Direction to staff: Contact Mount Forest Optimist Club to ensure that there would be no issues with the renaming of the diamond.

**Deputation**

None.

**Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-016

Moved by Member Yake

*THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North accept the resignation of Marty Young, Mount Forest Lions Club representative.*

*THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North appoint AL Leach and Vern Job as members representing the Lions Club on the Committee.*

**Reports**

Advertising Program (verbal)

Staff will each out to wall and board advertisers to offer a 50% discount for the 2021 year. This would make the advertising fee \$192.50 per board advertising, for the 2021 year.

**New Business/Roundtable**

Member Yake – Thank you to the Recreation Department and staff to get things up and running for this summer, we could have another trying summer. Faith in the staff that will continue with the good work.

Chair McCabe – requested an update on the summer program registration.  
Community Recreation Coordinator: We officially launched the registration for day camp on April 1<sup>st</sup>, we have brought in \$22,000 for day camp to date. The Arthur location is near capacity and Mount Forest has a number of weeks at capacity as well. Staff have included a note on the township website that there is some level of uncertainty due to COVID-19.

CAO, Mike Givens – We will continue to follow all guidelines as set out by the province and Public Health. As it relates to the announcement yesterday from Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health about school closures, we can expect to have more staff members working from home exclusively.

The regulations and rules regarding COVID-19 have significant impacts on Recreation. There is a caution to the committee that we always follow the guidelines and that we do not work outside of them. Moving forward, there could be an increased number of calls from frustrated community members and patrons.

Member Milne: Continue to follow the directive of the health unit. Stay safe, stay patient and we'll get through this.

**Adjournment**

RESOLUTION RPL 2021-017

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member Milne

*THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of April 6, 2021 be adjourned at 9:12 a.m.*