

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 @ 8:30 A.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

Committee Members Present:

- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chair
- Dan Yake, Councillor

Committee Members Absent:

- Brian Milne, Deputy Mayor, Township of Southgate

Staff Members Present:

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

Calling to Order
Chair McCabe called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
Adoption of Agenda
RESOLUTION RPL 2020-038 Moved by Member Yake Seconded by Chair McCabe <i>THAT the agenda for the October 6, 2020 Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting be accepted and passed.</i> CARRIED
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None
Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 1, 2020 (approved at Council on September 14, 2020)
Business Arising From Minutes
1. ICIP Culture MOI RESOLUTION 2020-039 Moved by Chair McCabe Seconded by Member Yake <i>THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive for information correspondence from Mayor Lennox to MPP Pettapiece dated September 22, 2020 and September 28, 2020 from MPP Pettapiece to Minister Laura Scott, regarding the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program;</i> CARRIED

2. ICIP Application Discussion

The Government of Canada has adapted the ICIP Program to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 with the maximum size of projects under set at \$10M total eligible costs. For projects under the COVID-19 Resilience stream, the maximum federal contribution from all sources will be 80% for provinces, municipalities, and not-for-profit organizations. The new stream will support the following types of projects:

- Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for municipal, territorial, provincial and Indigenous buildings, health infrastructure and schools;
- COVID-19 response infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing;
- Active transportation infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths; and
- Disaster mitigation and adaptation projects, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, and tree planting and related infrastructure.

The stream supports near-term, quick- start projects. Construction must start no later than September 30, 2021, and projects must be completed by the end of 2021.

The Committee discussed various types of projects that could be appropriate for the ICIP COVID Resilience Stream including: touchless entrance at the Arthur & Area Community Centre, outdoor shower facilities at the Arthur Pool, active transportation infrastructure such as trail expansion and development.

Staff will provide a report at a future Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting with a recommendation on a project or projects that would be appropriate to apply for under the ICIP COVID Resilience Stream.

3. Trails Update

Trail usage in the Township is up significantly with many residents enjoying the benefits of our well-maintained trail system. Through a partnership with the Wellington Federation of Agriculture, new Points of Interest signs will be placed on the trails this fall. The Township is increasing marketing of Geocaching opportunities on our trails through social media outlets. The pedestrian bridge in Mount Forest has received some maintenance upgrades with additional work being paused until the Township receives approval from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. The River trail in Arthur has some drainage issues which will be corrected with the support of the Township's Roads Division this fall. The Mount Forest Trail group is seeking volunteers to help with the ongoing maintenance of the trails and would appreciate any support. Volunteer opportunities will be communicated through newspaper, radio, and social media. The Township would like to remind residents that dogs must always remain on a leash when enjoying the trail system.

Deputation

None

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- Lynes Blacksmith Shop

Township staff introduced the new Lynes Blacksmith Shop website on behalf of Chair Kate Rowley, found at: <https://www.lynesblacksmithshop.org/> Member Yake expressed his thanks to Township staff for maintaining the grounds of the Lynes Blacksmith Shop. Chair McCabe also thanked Township staff for keeping the area well-manicured all summer.

- Mount Forest Aquatics Committee

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-040

Moved by Chair McCabe

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting held on September 8, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North approve the landscaping plan for the Mount Forest Splash Pad as shown in Schedule A as amended.

CARRIED

- Arthur BMX/Skateboard Park

The group is still actively fundraising and had a successful Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru dinner on September 24, 2020.

Reports

1. RPL 2020-018 Arthur OptiMRS Playground RFP

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-041

Moved by Member Yake

Seconded by Member McCabe

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive for information report RPL 2020-018 being a report on the Arthur OptiMrs Playground RFP.

CARRIED

Director of Operations clarified that the RFP for the Arthur OptiMrs Playground was an approved project for 2020 and that the Township is appreciative of the OptiMrs continued support of the project.

2. RPL 2020-020 FACILITY REOPENING

RESOLUTION RPL 2020-042

Moved by Member McCabe

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report RPL 2020-020 being a report on Facility Reopening Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation Parks and Leisure Committee recommend to the Council of the Township of Wellington North that the Facility Reopening Plans be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation Parks and Leisure Committee recommend to Council that staff be authorized to amend the reopening plans from time to time based on guidance from the Province of Ontario and Public Health.

CARRIED

Recreation Services Manager discussed the details of the Ice Scheduling Meeting. The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) directed the minor sports groups to meet with their municipalities to talk about what the municipal guidelines are. The groups were to submit a Return to Play plan to the OHF for approval. Mount Forest Minor Hockey Association's (MFMHA) plan has been approved. Arthur Minor Hockey Association's (AMHA) plan should be approved this week.

MFMHA has started their season and things are going well, they are following protocols. Gatekeepers must remain at the door for the duration of the ice rental to conduct screening and contact tracing.

There will be no hockey tournaments this season. Figure Skating groups have not banned carnivals, so those are still a possibility.

The Township of Wellington North's Return to Play plan is very similar to those of our neighbouring municipalities.

Minor Hockey will not be playing games outside their health unit boundary. The games will start off as 3 on 3, then evolve to 4 on 4 in the next phase of returning to games.

Both ice surfaces are blank this year, not painted with any logos. Teams did not want to invest in the \$500 to paint a logo with their shortened seasons, the possibility of further COVID-19 restrictions and perhaps having no spectators this season.

Recreation Services Manager explained that the township is not renting the facility to private rentals at this time, but hope to by November.

Recreation Services Manager explained that we cannot open the track during minor sports as this will affect the numbers permitted on the ice, following COVID-19 capacity regulations. At this time, Township is unsure when the track would open up for walkers during the day as the users of the track are mostly in a higher risk age category.

Member Yake and Chair McCabe asked that their appreciation to the arena staff be passed on. They are pleased with the level of care the staff has undertaken to ensure the cleanliness of the facilities.

Items for Consideration
New Business/Roundtable
Adjournment
RESOLUTION RPL 2020-043 Moved by Member McCabe Seconded by Member Yake <i>THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of October 6, 2020 be adjourned at 9:09 a.m.</i> CARRIED Next meeting will be November 3 rd , 2020 at 8:30 a.m.