

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
ARTHUR BMX/SKATEBOARD PARK AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
VIA ELECTRONIC MEETING**

Committee Members Present:

- Lisa Hern, Councillor, Chair
- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Member
- Glen Cheyne, Lions Member
- Al Rawlins, Lions Member
- Wayne Horton, Lions Member
- Jack Baker, Youth Member

Staff Members Present:

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

CALLING TO ORDER
Chair Hern called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA
RESOLUTION ABSP 2022-001 Moved: Wayne Horton Seconded: Al Rawlins <i>THAT the agenda for the January 26, 2022 Township of Wellington North Arthur BMX/Skateboard Park Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Special Meeting be accepted and passed.</i> CARRIED
DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
None.
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
Review of the RFP and Submission from the Canadian Ramp Company RESOLUTION ABSP 2022-002 Moved: Al Rawlins Seconded: Jack Baker <i>THAT The Arthur BMX Skatepark Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee supports continuing negotiations with the Canadian Ramp Company on their proposal, removing the bike park, increasing half pipe to 5', quarter pipe to 4', with additional design considerations to be given to the pump track (layout, location, cost).</i> The Director of Operations provided an update on the Brent Barnes Memorial Skatepark RFP which closed at 12:00pm on January 18, 2022.

At the time of closing, no RFP's had been submitted. One hour and fifteen minutes after closing, the Township received a submission from the Canadian Ramp Company; that submission was provided to Committee in the Agenda.

Canadian Ramp Company provided a second submission the day of this Committee's meeting, which was reviewed. This submission was \$20,000 over the RFP budget, did not include the BMX track and showed a pump track that was a triangular shape. This submission was shown in the correct location of the property.

Committee discussed the two designs:

- Desire to increase the height on the halfpipe to 5 feet
- Desire to increase the height on the quarter pipe to 4 feet
- Desire to keep the skatepark from the first design
- Desire to use the pump track from the second design
- If proceeding with BMX Track, would like to explore rounded corners
- Inside the pump track could be filled with wood chips, concrete, stone or pavement for ease of maintenance
- Transition between the skatepark and pump track would be nice
- Pump track design and shape can be altered
- Pump track looks like a lot of fun
- A fun box is either a ramp that goes up, or a box
- The snap is the half skateboard with wheels in the ground

Concerns were raised regarding the timeline and delivery of equipment. Prior to placing an order, the committee would like a commitment from the company that they can meet the RFP deadlines. Canadian Ramp Company stated that Wellington North could be one of their first installations this year, but we need to let them know as soon as possible. Many of the features in the design are standard products.

Concerns were raised regarding the price of the second submission as it was higher than the initial budget in the RFP.

The Committee discussed the BMX Track. The Director of Operations reminded Committee that the BMX Track is going to be very difficult to maintain; if it rains and gets washed out, staff may not be able to rake it right away. Member Rawlins mentioned that the Orangeville land is up and down so that could be why that location washes out, where in Arthur, the land is flat and jumps are achieved by shapes that the company installs. The Manager of Recreation Services indicated that while Arthur may not experience the same level of washout, it site will be muddy and local children may play in it creating ruts. Committee was reminded that last fall the BMX Track was removed from the RFP and design process.

Committee discussed keeping the skateboard park from the first design and the pump track from the second submission. There is also a desire to increase the heights on the halfpipe and quarter pipe by one foot. Decision to remove the BMX track and work with Canadian Ramp Company to fine tune the design (height, features, shape, etc.).

Member Baker requested to share the design with a friend to solicit feedback.

Member Rawlins stated that \$195,000 would be a safe number for the equipment.

Financial:

Member Rawlins provided a review of the financial situation

\$176,645.00 in the Township of Wellington North account

\$40,000.00 in the Arthur Lions Club account

\$216,645.00 Total

Of the \$216,645.00, the Lions Club will need approximately \$30,000 to cover the cost of concrete slab, pathway stones, signage, etc. The Lions anticipate raising an additional \$6,000 from their next Chicken BBQ Dinner on February 24.

Any individual or business that donates over \$2,000 will have their name listed on the sign.

The Committee discussed adding a mural on the concrete slab, instead of on doing a sponsorship sign, but it was determined that a sign was preferred. The Committee discussed allowing local youth to come and “tag” the skateboard park as a way to engage youth and prevent inappropriate “tags” from happening.

Committee agreed that we need to confirm working with Canadian Ramp Company as soon as possible to ensure we can meet project timelines. Committee discussed purchasing the skatepark features first to ensure it is built on time, then focus on the pump track as there is little flexibility around its pricing.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Signage:

A sponsorship sign will be installed and names of individuals and businesses that donated over \$2,000 will have their names added. Member Cheyne is working with Marcc Apparel on the design and costing of the sign; there are many different options to choose from. The most expensive was around \$3,000 and would require a three week turn-around. Director of Operations stated that once the shovel goes in the ground, that might be a good marker to use for cut-off. i.e. if you can get a fundraising receipt then you can be added to the sign.

Tagging

Manager of Recreation Services stated that Committee should consider that it park may be a target of foul language and there is a potential opportunity to use the ramps for advertising. The Lions Club members indicated that they had discussed this and had an idea about putting together a competition to allow local youth to decorate and tag it themselves. Member Baker agreed that he liked the idea of allowing local teams to decorate the ramps themselves.

Core sample

Director of Operations explained that a geological survey was completed and provided details on how the concrete slab will need to be made. They found some tile drainage.

Lions BBQ Dinner

February 24, 2022 at the Arthur Arena. Sales cap at 600 and meals can be picked up between 4:00pm – 6:30pm. Promotion of the meal will begin shortly. Tickets are \$17.00 and include a ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, sour cream, buttered role, and a butter tart.

Chair Hern requested that Member Rawlins attend the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting when the minutes are presented; February 8th at 4:00pm.

NEXT MEETING

TBD

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION ABSP 2022-003

Moved: Glen Cheyne

Seconded: Wayne Horton

THAT the Township of Wellington North Arthur BMX/Skateboard Park Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Meeting of January 26, 2022 be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

CARRIED