

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 @ 8:30 A.M.
MOUNT FOREST & DISTRICT SPORTS COMPLEX – MEETING ROOM**

Committee Members Present:

- **Steve McCabe, Councillor**
- **Andrew Lennox, Mayor**
- **Sherry Burke, Councillor**
- **Lisa Hern, Councillor**
- **Brian Milne, Councillor, Township of Southgate**

Staff Members Present:

- **Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Office**
- **Catherine Conrad, Deputy Clerk**
- **Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager**
- **Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator**
- **Darren Jones, Chief Building Official**

Calling to Order –Councillor McCabe
Adoption of Agenda
<p>RESOLUTION REC 2019-020 Moved: Mayor Lennox Seconded: Deputy Mayor Milne <i>THAT the agenda for the April 16, 2019 Township of Wellington North Recreation and Culture Committee of meeting be accepted and passed.</i> CARRIED</p>
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
Minutes of Previous Meeting – February 19, 2019 (approved by Council on February 27, 2019)
Business Arising From Minutes
Delegations
<p>1. Mount Forest Victory Church</p> <p>Pastor Harry Engel, Mount Forest Victory Church, requested that the Committee recommend to Council that the Lease Agreement between the Township of Wellington North and Mount Forest Victory Church be amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To renegotiate the renewal period beginning August 16, 2019 from a 5 year lease to a 100 year lease • To remove the \$500.00 a month lease rate attached to the renewal for 2019 • To remove “termination by the Township without cause” <p>The Mount Forest Victory Church has honored the lease and value has been added to the facility. Opening the church up to the community has created a relationship and added the value of community connection. Groups using the facility do not require ice and could not afford to use the Sports Complex. Groups that would be able to use the Sports Complex are encouraged to do so. They have insurance in accordance with the agreement with the Township to cover those groups without insurance. The Church would like to put money back into the building rather than pay a monthly lease.</p>

2. Arthur Opti-Mrs Club, Dog Park

Janice McCabe and Shawna Lougheed presented a proposal to build a dog park in Arthur. The Opti-Mrs would like to build an off-leash dog park to celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 2021. A dog park was identified as a need for the community through the Recreation Master Plan and Development Charges Study and would give the community an opportunity to socialize with their dogs. The organization is thinking \$25,000 would be a soft budget. First, a location would need to be determined. Second, give consideration to the size and layout. A staging area to take dogs off leash would be included. Third, start working on a real budget.

Items to consider include fencing, shade areas, benches, garbage bins, signage and access to water. They would partner with #GetInTouchForHutch for benches and request partnering with the Township for insurance. While dog owners would be relied upon for maintaining cleanliness of the park; the Opti-Mrs members would have a schedule to assist with cleaning up the park. The Opti-Mrs Club has researched this project online and in-person through conversations with another municipality. Fundraising considerations include donations from the local community, various pet related businesses and grants available through various programs.

The Committee provided direction to staff to support the concept of an off-leash dog park and consider potential locations.

3. Arthur Minor Hockey

Shawn Livingston, President, Arthur Minor Hockey, provided an update in regards to the status of Arthur Minor Hockey. The number of registrants has dropped over the last five years. The number of people involved with the Executive is also decreasing.

The executive discussed merging with another organization. OMHA boundary rules would not make it possible to merge with Mount Forest. Consideration was given to merging with Centre Wellington and included use of the Arthur Arena. A vote was conducted resulting in Arthur Minor Hockey continuing on its own next season.

4. Mount Forest Minor Hockey

Jamie Dewar, past president, Mount Forest Minor Hockey presented information about the organization and its connection with the Recreation & Culture Committee and its facilities. Currently the organization uses ice in the Town of Minto but would be interested in utilizing the Arthur Arena in consideration/exchange for a reasonable cancellation policy on contract ice time. They have used ice in Minto because there is no cancellation policy. The current Wellington North cancellation policy is a deterrent from using ice in Wellington North.

Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager, will arrange a meeting with both organizations to discuss ice allocation.

Reports

1. Facility Revenue Report

Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager, reviewed ice revenues and hall rentals

The Committee requested that net numbers be provided for the next meeting to help them make informed decisions.

2. RAC 2019-008 Proposed Recreation Rental Fees and Charges

RESOLUTION REC 2019-021

Moved by: Mayor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Hern

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive Report RAC 2019-008 being a report on the Proposed Recreation Rental Fees and Charges;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommend to Council of the Township of Wellington North the approval of the 2020 Facility Rental Fees and Charges and the 2020 and 2021 Recreation Programs Fees and Charges.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION REC 2019-022

Moved by: Councillor Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

RAC recommend to the Council of the Township of Wellington North that future requests from user groups for grants, donations, fee waiver, rate freezes will only be considered if accompanied by a current financial statement from the group making the request.

CARRIED

3. Utilities Comparison from the Compressor Upgrades for the MF Complex

Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager, reviewed the comparison of hydro, water & sewer and gas costs between last winter and this winter. It was noted that there was a savings of approximately \$10,000.

Other Business

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- **Mount Forest Aquatics**
Councillor Burke informed the Committee that the Mount Forest Aquatics Committee has split out core members from the Committee to form a fundraising group. They are well on the way with ideas and anticipate they are half way to the fundraising goal. Janet Elliott, Openspace Solutions, was included in the discussion related to the proposed splash pad. The official launch of the campaign will be in two weeks at the Home, Health and Garden Leisure Show. A fundraising facebook page is being set up.
- **Arthur Village Skateboard/BMX**
Councillor Hern advised that the Arthur Skateboard/BMX Park Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee will be meeting this evening to discuss roles and responsibilities, fundraising goals and procurement.
- **Lynes Blacksmith Shop**
Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator, commented that the Committee met last week. The underground fuel tank will be filled in. Wells will be decommissioned in the next couple years. An offer to remove the two Manitoba maple trees was received. The committee is considering planting trees on the property and rebuilding the second forge. They sorted items in storage and will possibly get rid of some and move others to the house.

New Business

1. Dressing Room 7, Arthur Area Community Centre

Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager, explained that the roof over Dressing Room 7 is leaking. Patching has not stopped the leak. A roofing company will be investigating the leak and will also prepare a budget estimate to repair the blistering of the arena roof.

Roundtable

- Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator – working to increase day camp registrations.
- Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager – ice is out, arena boards have been cleaned, lacrosse is going strong.
- Brian Milne, Councillor, - – interested to learn if there would be an opportunity for the Victory Church to run a ball hockey league.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. – Mount Forest & District Sports Complex – meeting room

Adjournment

RESOLUTION REC 2019-023

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation and Culture Committee meeting of April 16, 2019 be adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

CARRIED