

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2016 AT 8:30 A.M.**

The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex.

Committee Members Present:

- **Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chairperson**
- **Andy Lennox, Mayor**
- **Dan Yake, Councillor**
- **Lisa Hern, Councillor**
- **Barbara Dobreen, Councillor, Township of Southgate**

Staff Members Present:

- **Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities**
- **Michael Givens, CAO/Deputy Clerk**
- **Tom Bowden, Arthur Facilities Manager**
- **Mark McKenzie, Mount Forest Facilities Manager**
- **Cathy Conrad, Executive Assistant**

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson McCabe called the meeting to order.

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION REC 2016-06

Moved by: Mayor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

THAT the agenda for the April 19, 2016 Recreation & Culture Committee meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST(S) AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared

DELEGATION

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the February 5, 2016 Recreation & Culture Committee meeting were received and adopted by Council at the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 29, 2016.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from minutes was tabled.

DELEGATIONS

Trish Wake, Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce

Dave Reeves, Phoenix Performance Centre

- Proposal for an Amateur Fight match to be held to coincide with Fireworks Festival 2016

Ms. Wake and Mr. Reeves appeared before the Committee to present their proposal for an amateur mixed martial arts fight to be held in conjunction with Fireworks Festival 2016 on Sunday, July 17, 2016. The Fireworks Festival Committee agreed to move ahead with this event at their February 18, 2016 meeting. Phoenix Performance Centre has agreed in principal to partner with the festival. Future Combat Stars, in association with the Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Association of Ontario, have been enlisted as promoters for this event and are sanctioned under the sporting laws of Ontario to hold MMA events in the province of Ontario. Insurance is covered by the commission. The commission supplies the cage, judges and officials. Medical staff on-site includes a doctor, a cut man and two paramedics. There will be men's and women's fights. These are amateur athletes so no lower joint manipulation is allowed and referees will stop fights based on safety. The proposal includes licencing half of the arena floor. Security will be on hand and will be arranged by the commission. The event will be coordinated with other events during the festival. Layout and facility requirements were discussed but not finalized. The blocks used for the demolition derby will be pushed back for parking on the Sunday. The weigh in for the fighters will happen on the main stage on July 16 at the Campbell Devore Park to help draw a crowd. Set up for the event will happen on the morning of July 17 and tear down will be completed after the event. They are looking for vendors to take part in a fan expo and will ensure that vendors do not compete with one another or the snack booth for sales.

RESOLUTION REC 2016-07

Moved by: Mayor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North supports the proposal presented by Phoenix Performance Centre to hold a sanctioned amateur fight on July 17, 2016 in conjunction with the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Recreation Fees Proposed (2017)

The Recreation Department is already receiving inquiries regarding rentals in 2017. A 2% fee increase is proposed. During discussion with both managers it was suggested changing Prime Time to include Friday night, Saturday and Sunday for arena and hall rentals.

RESOLUTION REC 2016-08

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North supports instituting a 2% rental fees & charges increase effective January 1, 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee supports including Sunday as part of the weekend/prime rates;

AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Recreation present the revised rates to Council for approval.

CARRIED

2. Swimming Pool Staffing

Advertising closed on Friday, April 15. There is a larger turnover in staff this year as the aquatic supervisor and a head guard are not returning. A number of resumes have been received and staff will be reviewing them.

3. Trillium Grant (Arthur Seniors Hall) Application Update

Notification was received on April 6 that the Trillium Grant application for the Arthur Seniors Hall was not successful. The Trillium Capital Grant has been suspended and a new program will be announced. The Seniors Group has been notified.

The Committee directed staff to inquire why the application was unsuccessful so information can be passed on to the seniors. Committee discussed visiting the hall to get a better understanding of what work needs to be done and if a different strategy is needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence tabled.

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REPORTS

Report from Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks and Facilities

- RAC 2016-03 Establishing Ad Hoc Committee Mount Forest Pool

Resolution REC 2016-09

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information Report RAC 2016-003 being a report on establishing an Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Mount Forest Pool;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to seek out interested parties composition as set out in the Terms of Reference;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council identify in advance of the initial meeting of the Masterplan Pool Advisory Committee the option(s) they would support regarding the Mount Forest pool which might include;

- *A new outdoor pool at the existing location*
- *A new outdoor pool at a new location*
- *A renovation of existing pool at its current location*
- *No renovation and continue with the existing pool*

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council authorize the Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities, in advance of the initial meeting of the Ad Hoc Mount Forest Pool Committee, obtain engineering concept designs of the option chosen and approved by Council;

AND FURTHER THAT all costs associated with developing conceptual designs be funded from the recreation Pool Facility Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

Facility Usage Reports:

- Mount Forest Sports Complex February – March - 2015/16
- Arthur Community Centre February – March - 2015/16

Resolution REC 2016-10

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee receive for information the Arthur and Mount Forest Facility Usage Reports for February - March 2015 and 2016.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Lennox:

- Inquired if there was further information regarding potential youth programs. Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, stated that he had met and discussed potential programs with Linda Thompson. The programs are directed to school boards due to the fact that they have dropped physical education. The Health Unit is giving some direction for co-sponsoring under the Healthy, Happy Families program; but, there is a trend of them starting with some funding and then pulling the funding out. The option of twinning has been left open with Ms. Thompson.
- A resident had mentioned the disrepair of the tennis courts at the Arthur Public School and questioned if there is a need that is not being met. Michael Givens, CAO, stated that the school board would be agreeable to the municipality taking it over; but, it is on school property. He advised the school board that the Township is not interested in taking it over. Barry Lavers stated that the surface may no longer be suitable for tennis. The Recreation Department has never been involved with the tennis court.

Michel Givens, CAO:

- Announced that the Rural Summer Jobs Program has ended; which leaves the township with \$3,500 a year no longer subsidized.
- Stated that Mount Forest Fireworks Committee members have come to him with requests at the last minute. He will be directing any further inquiries to recreation staff.
- Suggested that the Committee should visit the recreation facilities to get a better understanding of the facilities in Wellington North. Barbara Dobreen suggested setting up a day for a facilities tour. The Chair and Barry Lavers will organize a date for facility tours.

Mark MacKenzie, Mount Forest Arena Manager:

- Commented that the recreation truck requires repairs for brakes and springs estimated at \$2,500.
- Inquired where the revenue from the Fireworks Festival goes and questioned if the Fireworks Festival Committee could be asked to buy fencing, tables, etc. Michael Givens, CAO, stated that the intent of the Fireworks Committee is that the money goes back into the community, not the municipality.

Councillor McCabe:

- Commented that Robyn Brown from the Family Health Team inquired about using space at the arena for a pulmonary rehab program. Barry Lavers stated that he and Mark MacKenzie met with Robyn and Jenna Crane to show them the two rooms but has not heard back from them. Michael Givens provided that the program is generally funded by the province and questioned if there is equipment they will want to leave on site.

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Mayor Lennox:

- Suggested that the Township needs to be more involved and partner with the Fireworks Festival Committee to promote the festival's importance to the community. Barry Lavers commented that part of the issue is the committee is in transition. Previously the committee met with the Recreation Department beforehand and not much changed. It is a new group now and David Sharpe has taken over as Chair. Recreation Staff met with the group regarding the demolition derby and were told the site may not be suitable and might be on private property. The Committee changed their mind and went to Council for approval, not Recreation staff. Councillor Yake suggested that a councillor and staff member should be appointed to the committee to address Township concerns.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting June 7, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution REC 2015-11

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Mayor Lennox

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee meeting of April 19, 2016 be adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

CARRIED