

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 14, 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, Chief Administrative Officer
- 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 2016-12

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the agenda and the supplementary agenda for the June 14, 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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the April 19, 2016 Recreation & Culture Committee meeting were received and adopted by Council at the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 2, 2016.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from minutes was tabled.

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DELEGATIONS

No delegations present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Swimming pools update. Tour of Mount Forest Pool (after meeting)

There is a full complement of pool staff. Jenna Bowden has been hired as the Aquatic Supervisor. The pools were pumped out, clean up completed and water and chemicals are being added. Signage has been replaced in Arthur. The Public Health pool inspections will be completed Friday, June 17 with opening being scheduled for June 27. Tom Bowden reported some movement in a side wall of the shallow end at the Arthur Pool due to cracking in the concrete decking, which has been filled. Ground water has seeped in between the liner and the wall of the Mount Forest Pool. There are relief valves in place to help alleviate pressure. Shallow end skimmers may not be completely functional. The liner may soon need replacing.

2. Arthur Pavilion roof

Two quotes from local contractors were received. The work was approved at a senior management team meeting. The quote came in under budget. Bert Coffey's quote was \$12,198. plus the cost of extra sheets of plywood which may be needed under the roof. The contractor was asked to complete the work before Canada Day.

3. Arthur Baseball Diamond Light Standards

Tom Bowden is obtaining estimates. Saam Mechanical from Mount Forest is investigating the model of tower that is currently in place for safety panel installation

4. Arthur Public School tennis court

There does not appear to be sufficient interest in using the area for tennis. The tennis courts are built on School Board property and maintenance is their responsibility.

5. Arthur Walking Trail

Clean up work has been completed by the Committee. Kurt Penwarden, a local arborist, completed removal of overhanging tree limbs resulting from the spring ice storm for safety purposes. The fence at the park was repaired and the remaining stump removed.

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Dave Stack has been provided with a trail check list to complete each week and submit to the Arthur Facility Manager to insure records of inspections for the West Luther Trail. Barry Lavers will be meeting with Dave Stack, Jack Benham and Ian Turner regarding issues of trespassing on the Ball property and rehabilitation work resulting from Preston Street Development. Don Tremble will be cutting the grass.

6. Arthur Splash Pad (Optimists)

Barry Lavers will prepare information regarding location, design options, costing, etc. An onsite meeting will be arranged for Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with the Mayor, Councillor McCabe, Barry Lavers, Tom Bowden and the Optimist Club members involved with this project.

7. Arthur Seniors Hall

Barry Lavers contacted Omar Omar, Program Manager, Ontario Trillium Foundation, regarding funding opportunities. There have not been any announcements regarding replacing the capital funding application stream from the Trillium Fund. Omar believes that there will be a capital program announced and will contact us at that time.

Mayor Lennox suggested that the Committee should consider options should funding be unavailable for the Arthur Seniors Hall. The committee will review the issues regarding use of the upstairs hall at the community centre previously raised by the Township. A meeting with the Seniors Group will be organized once the Committee has suggested resolutions to those issues.

8. Arthur Canada 150 Infrastructure Project update

Work is being completed by local contractors. Gas lines have been installed, one heater is installed and sound boards will be installed. The work is to be completed prior to the Arthur Fall Fair.

9. Fireworks Festival update

Barry Lavers has been told that everything is in place. The MMA Fight and the Demolition Derby events have been confirmed. They are proposing a comedy night on the Friday night. The Fireworks Committee is requesting extra picnic tables. Barry has been corresponding with David Sharpe in regards to the events. Barry and Mark will attend a site meeting with organizers the week prior to the festival. Councillor McCabe requested to be present for this meeting. The owner of the lot at the corner of Hwy 89 and Cork Street, used for the midway, is unable to cut the grass this year. Martin's TLC will cut the grass a couple of times.

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10. Community Services Board

Discussion took place regarding the implementation of a Community Services Board. The intent would be to give direction to staff and community groups with a clear understanding of what is expected. Currently there are no real guidelines for community initiated recreation and culture projects, which makes it difficult to prioritize from a Council perspective. The Committee discussed having a Master Plan completed to aid Council and staff with determining community needs

RESOLUTION REC 2016-13

Moved by: Mayor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Hern

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to proceed with a request for proposal for Recreation Master Plan to address community recreation needs now and in the future.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron Dubrick (Saugeen Fur & Feather)

Resolution REC 2016-14

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence dated May 13, 2016 from Ron Dubrick, Saugeen Fur and Feather Association, requesting permission to close and open the main gate at the Fair Grounds.

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee grant permission to the Saugeen Fur and Feather Association to close the main gate at the Fair Grounds on the Saturday night after set up and open the gates at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2016 for their buy, sell, trade day with the following provisions.

- 1. If the gate is locked, the lock can be easily removed by fire fighters who may require emergency access to the Fair Grounds and building in and around the Fair Grounds; and,*
- 2. The other entrance to the Fair Grounds must not be closed or prohibit access of Fire Department vehicles.*

DEFEATED

- The Director of Recreation, Parks and Facilities is to notify Mr. Dubrick of the Committee's decision and reasons for.

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2. Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (OSRCF)

The Township submitted a co-application with Big Sisters for funding to extend a program currently being run through the school board. The application was not successful.

3. Myrna Hutchison, Chairperson, #GetInTouchForHutch
- Proposed Buddy Bench for swimming pool area, Arthur

Resolution REC 2016-15

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence dated June 2, 2016 from Myrna Hutchison, Chairperson, #GetInTouchForHutch regarding a proposed Buddy Bench for the swimming pool park area in Arthur;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council approve the installation of a Buddy Bench, donated on behalf of #GetInTouchForHutch, in the swimming pool park area in Arthur;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council authorize the cost of installation and securing of the bench through the Recreation Budget.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Facility Usage Reports:

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

Resolution REC 2016-16

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Hern

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

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Givens presented pictures and information regarding Marvin Howe Trail/Arthur Community Park. The trail and park are on land owned by Petro-Canada (Suncor) and Arthur Chrysler. Under a gentleman's agreement the Township has maintained the park where the public has access to the park area along the river. The Township does own the land where MacPherson Park is located on the other side of the river. The Arthur Lions Club is meeting with the Grand River Conservation Authority to discuss constructing a pedestrian bridge across the river between the parks. The Township was recently contacted by

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Suncor (Petro-Canada) regarding trucks parking overnight on their Arthur property on Wellington Road 109. They believe there is value in the property so it is very unlikely they would gift it for use as parkland. CAO Givens to continue conversations with Suncor regarding the use of the property.

Mayor Lennox was recently contacted by Derek Bridgewater of the Mount Forest Patriots regarding exploring an option to have a licenced area outside of the Plume Room because of concerns that patron cannot see the game because of people standing on the walking track. The back corner of the walking track is being considered.

Mark Mackenze reported that the safety netting has been installed on the diamonds thanks to Wellington North Power. Mark asked if there was a time frame for the replacement of the fairground corral fence. No timeframe was set. Mark announced that due to lack of members the Horticultural Society is unable to maintain the flower beds at the Sports Complex.

Mayor Lennox expressed concern about the lack of formal reports and recommendations coming forward for the Committee to consider. The Committee members agreed that formal reports from staff are the most appropriate manner to convey information to Committee to allow for timely, informed decision making.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting August 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution REC 2015-17

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Hern

THAT the Recreation and Culture Committee meeting of June 14, 2016 be adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

CARRIED