

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
RECREATION, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 @ 4:00 P.M.  
VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

**Committee Members Present:**

- Steve McCabe, Councillor, Chair
- Brian Milne, Deputy Mayor, Township of Southgate
- Dan Yake, Councillor

**Staff Members Present:**

- Matthew Aston, Director of Operations
- Mike Givens, Chief Administrative Officer
- Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator
- Tom Bowden, Recreation Services Manager
- Jessica Turnbull, Administrative Support

**Guests:**

- Andrew Lennox, Mayor
- Steve Van Meer, Park N Water Ltd.
- Nick Hansen, Optimist Member

<b>Calling to Order</b>
Chair McCabe called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>
RESOLUTION RPL 2022-019 Moved by Member Milne Seconded by Member Yake  <i>THAT the agenda for the April 5, 2022 Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting be accepted and passed.</i>  CARRIED
<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest</b>
None
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 8, 2022</b>
RESOLUTION RPL 2022-020 Moved by Member Yake Seconded by Member Milne  THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Committee Meeting.  CARRIED
<b>Business Arising From Minutes</b>
None

## Deputation

Multi-Use Pad, Arthur Optimist Club, Nicholas Hansen

Nick Hansen, member of the Arthur Optimist Club, spoke to Committee about the Clubs desire to explore the installation of a permanent multi-use court in Arthur. At this time, the Club does not have a preferred location identified.

The purpose of coming to Committee was to follow proper channels and bring the idea forward.

They are requesting assistance from township staff in identifying locations, cost, material, etc.

The desire would be for the court to be a year-round amenity used for skating in the winter, basketball, lacrosse, floor hockey in the summer. They would intend to use the boards they currently use.

Chair McCabe asked if the Club is thinking of the area that they currently use for the outdoor rink or if they are open to other suggestions. Optimist Hansen clarified that the temporary rink location has been brought up, but they would like to work with the Agricultural Society and Township regarding a location. Optimist Hansen expressed that another location they've discussed is the 5 acres of land off Walsh Drive.

Member Yake expressed that it was a good idea and by working together they should be able to come up with something that works.

Member Milne asked if the current pad would sustain artificial ice or if it is currently natural ice. Optimist Hansen explained that the current outdoor rink is built on a sand bed and the boards go up in the fall and are taken down in the spring.

Member Milne asked if there was any consideration to making the surface artificial ice and running pipes to it. Optimist Hansen answered that they are not considering it at this time, and they are focusing their efforts on getting a concrete pad in with the possibility of eventually putting a roof over it like the Atwood outdoor pad.

Chair McCabe asked if it would be the same size as the existing outdoor rink. Optimist Hansen explained that it would be around the same size 50' X 100'. Wherever the multi-use pad is to go consideration needs to be given to access to hydro and water.

Chair McCabe asked if the club is aiming to build this year. Optimist Hansen answered that it does not need to be this year, the purpose of attending this meeting is to get the ball rolling and work with staff on next steps.

The CAO asked if the Optimists would be using the surplus dollars from the splash pad project (just under 12 thousand, held at the Township). Optimist Hansen explained that the club has spoken about the potential use of those dollars for this project.

The DOO asked if the Optimist Club envisions this project to be similar to the Salem multiuse pad. Optimist Hansen clarified that yes, they would like it to be something along those lines or the Alma outdoor rink with chain-link fence around it. The Club wants to see this as an inclusive and accessible multi-use pad.

Optimist Hansen would like to see this request moving to council and would like to work with staff on gathering additional information.

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-021

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

Recommendation:

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee recommend to the Council of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to work in consultation with the Arthur Optimist Club on a report regarding the parameters of the multi-use court project including location, cost, size, utilities and next steps;

AND FURTHER THAT the report be brought to a future Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting for discussion.

CARRIED

Mayor Lennox joined at 4:17PM

#### **Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

The next Mount Forest Aquatics Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.

#### **Reports**

Campbell DeVore Playground, Steve Van Meer C.C.P.I President; Park N Water LTD™

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-022

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive for information the presentation on the Mount Forest Campbell DeVore Playground from Steve Van Meer President of Park N Water.

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure committee recommends staff proceed with the natural green colour option.

CARRIED

Steve Van Meer, President of Park N Water spoke about the project and gave an overview of the design for the Campbell DeVore Playground in Mount Forest.

Member Yake asked about accessibility and explained the renderings don't show how the design is accessible.

Mr. Van Meer, explained that the playground is designed above the AODA and AnnexH standards. The design includes a series of transfer stations, sensory

components and ground-level features. Transfer stations allow individuals to access various components on the play structure. Ground level components such as the spinner and panels are included in the design to eliminate segregation and create the opportunity to play together and visual and auditory elements are included for sensory, visual and hearing impairments.

Member Yake stated that wheelchair-use is not depicted in the renderings and would like to see it included to some degree in the renderings.

Member Yake asked about the surface of the playground. Mr. Van Meer, explained that the surface is an Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF), manufactured in a way that makes it accessible to mobility devices as it creates a mesh surface. He explained that while it is accessible it can create divots and depressions in the material that would make it difficult for mobility devices to cross. Mr. Van Meer, explained there are other surface products that can be used like synthetic turf, synthetic rubber, poured in place rubber and that each have pros and cons.

Chair McCabe asked about the timelines for the project. Mr. Van Meer explained that they could break ground the middle of June and looking at two weeks start to finish.

The DOO stated the project was awarded at the previous council and added it will be similar to the playground in Arthur.

The DOO asked committee about preference of colour between the lime green or natural green.

OPS 2022-004 Recreation Administration Assistant

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-023

Moved by Yake

Seconded by Milne

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2022-004 being a report on the recreation administrative support position;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend the Council of the Township of Wellington North endorse that the recreation administration assistant be directed to regularly report to the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex as the primary place of work.

CARRIED

The DOO stated that this report is for Committees' awareness.

Member Milne asked if this information is an operational discussion and the DOO explained that this is for awareness and endorsement.

Mayor Lennox asked if this staff would be using the new office space in the foyer, which is to be renovated as part of the modernization fund, as their primary location and if there is capability to accept payment at other locations. The DOO explained that there is capability to accept payment at other locations and is not comfortable to say this position will sit at the location in the foyer Monday to Friday.

OPS 2022-006 Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-024

Moved by Member Milne

Seconded by Member Yake

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee receive Report RPL 2022-006 being a report on the Mount Forest outdoor pool and aquatics centre open house;

AND FURTHER THAT committee agree that the May meeting of Recreation, Parks and Leisure be scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 4:00pm.

CARRIED

The DOO stated that this pushes the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting back one week which will give staff the opportunity to consolidate the feedback from the public survey.

#### **Items for Consideration**

None

#### **Roundtable**

Summer Day Camp Registration

The CRC explained that registration opened on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> and within 15 mins after opening, one of the sessions was completely sold out. There are 416 spaces available and as of today there are only 19 spaces remaining.

Ground-breaking for the Brent Barnes Memorial Skatepark

The CRC stated that Chair Hern along with the Arthur BMX Skateboard Park Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee have organized a Ground-breaking event for this Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Arthur Fairgrounds. Members of the RPL Committee are invited this event.

#### **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION RPL 2022-025

Moved by: Member Yake

Seconded by: Member Milne

THAT the Township of Wellington North Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting of April 5, 2022 be adjourned at 5:22p.m

CARRIED