

Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Electronic Participation at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Chair, Jim Richardson
Vice-Chair, Bill Fenwick
Trish O'Neill
Shannon Sullivan
Cathy Hesch

Absent:

Tim Dowd
Mike Deinhart

Staff Liaison:

Eric Lamothe, Manager of Business Planning and Strategic Services

Guests:

Councillor Bill Phillips
Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Culture Services
Lori Mambella, Manager of Programs and Culture Services
Kaylea Cassano, Community Strategy and Policy Coordinator

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Chair Richardson acknowledged that the land on which the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. **Amendments to the Agenda**

There were none.

4. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Bill Fenwick

That the September 29, 2020 agenda of the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

Moved by: Trish O'Neill

That the January 21, 2020 minutes of the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

7. **Presentations (invited guests)**

None were present.

8. **Business arising from the minutes**

None were identified.

9. **Business**

9.1 Welcome from Chair Richardson

Chair Richardson provided a formal welcome back to the committee.

9.2 COVID-19 Recreation Programs & Facilities Operations

Phil Cristi provided an update on recreation programs and facility operations during COVID-19. During the closure, City staff developed a 'STC Framework for Recovery' which includes a timeline depicting key dates for the reopening of various facilities.

Phil Cristi informed the committee that Bill Burgoyne Arena will be closed for the 2020-2021 ice seasons for capital improvement projects. During the 2020-2021 Bill Burgoyne Arena closure, ice time will be reallocated to the other arenas including Merritton Arena.

9.3 Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy

Lori Mambella provided the committee with an overview of the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy (RFAP), which aims to provide all stakeholders, user groups, participants and members consistent facility booking guidelines, and a standardized approach to recreation facility rentals.

Chair Richardson recommended that a RFAP sub-committee should be composed of Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee members.

Phil Cristi provided the option of creating a Task Force potentially consisting of members of the user groups and other interested parties which would allow further community input, transparency and eliminate any potential declarations of interest.

Moved by: Cathy Hesch

That the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee create a Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy sub-committee; and

That the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy sub-committee provide advice and guidance for the development of the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy; and

That the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy sub-committee be composed of members from the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee; and

That the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee appoint

- Shannon Sullivan
- Cathy Hesch
- Bill Fenwick
- Trish O'Neil
- Tim Dowd

to the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy sub-committee; and

That Recreation Master Plan Advisory committee members not in attendance at the September 29, 2020 meeting be given the opportunity to join the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy sub-committee; and

That the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy sub-committee disband once the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy is approved by Council.

CARRIED

9.4 Aquatics Facilities Strategy

Eric Lamothe provided an overview of the Aquatics Facilities Strategy.

9.5 Happy Rolph's Playground Naming Rights Agreement

Phil Cristi provided an update regarding the Naming Rights Agreement between the Rotary Club of St. Catharines and the City of St. Catharines for the Happy Rolph's playground. This partnership focuses on the development of a fully accessible new playground. The playground will now be called "The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Centennial Playground at Happy Rolph's."

9.6 Playground Updates

i. Partridge Park

Eric Lamothe provided an update regarding the Partridge Park enhancements and improvements including the new playground and multi-use court.

ii. Glengarry Park

Eric Lamothe provided an update regarding the Glengarry Park playground and basketball court replacements.

9.7 Canada Summer Games

Bill Fenwick provided the committee with an update regarding the Canada Summer Games, which has been postponed until 2022. Further updates to be provided at the October 27th meeting.

10. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

11. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: Shannon Sullivan

That the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:44pm