

Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Electronic Participation at 5:00 p.m.

This Meeting of the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee will be held through Electronic Participation, as approved by the City of St. Catharines Council on May 6, 2020.

This Meeting may be viewed online at www.stcatharines.ca/youtube

Public Comments: The public may submit comments regarding agenda matters by contacting elamoth@stcatharines.ca by Monday, February 15, 2021 before 3:00 PM. Comments submitted will be considered as public information and entered into public record.

Members:

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

Councillor Bill Phillips

Guest:

Katy Vucina-Arcuri, Bulletproof Baseball, Facility Manager and Team Coordinator

Staff:

Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Culture Services
Eric Lamothe, Manager of Strategic and Business Services
Lori Mambella, Manager, Programs and Culture Services
Kaylea Cassano, Community Strategy and Policy Coordinator

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1. **Call meeting to order**
Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
 2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**
Chair Richardson read the following:

The land on which we meet 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. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**

There were none.

4. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Bill Fenwick

That the agenda for the February 16, 2021 meeting of the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

5. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

6. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting**

Moved by: Shannon Sullivan

That the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the task force for the meeting held on January 19, 2021.

CARRIED

7. **Business**

7.1 **Bullettproof Baseball**

Presentation by: Katy Vucina-Arcuri, Facility Manager and Team Coordinator

Katy provided an overview of Bullettproof Baseball, a Niagara-based organization that provides baseball training to youth in the area. Katy then asked the committee on the status of baseball development and allocation in St. Catharines for league play.

The committee then discussed the baseball fields in St. Catharines, current strategies and policies in development that address this issue, partnerships with the local school boards, leagues in the area and the Recreation Master Plan document.

To document the changing needs of the community the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee may:

- 1) Update the 2021 work plan and present the changes to the Social Sustainability Pillar Committee; or,
- 2) Include the changing needs in the Recreation Master Plan update report to Council.

Motion to receive the presentation by Bulletproof Baseball, and to defer the decision regarding the options above to a future Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting.

Moved by: Bill Fenwick

CARRIED

7.2 COVID-19 Update

Phil Cristi provided an overview of the 'Grey – Lockdown' impacts to Community, Recreation and Culture Services.

Niagara Health Services has identified three of the four ice pads at the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre as COVID-19 vaccine sites. Staff have met with user groups to provide them with this update.

Ice has been removed from the Merritton Lions Area and the Meridian Centre. The Merritton Lions Arena is scheduled to undergo repairs in Q2 and Q3. Bill Burgoyne Arena is currently undergoing construction and will be ready for dry-floor play in Q2. Jack Gatecliff arena has one ice pad.

The Recreation and Culture Services teams are currently involved in ActiveNet training in preparation of re-opening.

7.3 Aquatics Facilities Strategy Update

Eric Lamothe provided the committee with an update on the Aquatics Facilities Strategy. A draft of the strategy can be found on engagestc.ca/AquaticsStrategy. All committee members are encouraged to review the draft and provide feedback through the Engage portal.

7.4 Community Outdoor Ice Rinks

Kaylea Cassano provided the committee with an update on the Community Outdoor Ice Rinks pilot project. With the Region of Niagara being classified as 'Grey – Lockdown' the number of skaters per rink has increased from 5 to 10. Signage with this information is being printed and will be posted at each location this week.

7.5 Canada Summer Games Update

Bill Fenwick provided the committee with an update on the Canada Summer Games. Professional Development opportunities are being offered to committee members on an ongoing basis.

Bill Fenwick invited RMPAC committee members and members of the public to join the Canada Summer Games Risk Management committee.

The 2022 sports schedule has been approved by the Canada Games Council.

8. Date of next meeting

March 16th, 2021

April 20th, 2021

May 18th, 2021
June 15th, 2021
July 20th, 2021
August 17th, 2021
September 21st, 2021
October 19th, 2021
November 16th, 2021

All Meetings times scheduled for 5:00pm to 7:00pm

9. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: Mike Deinhart

That the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:13pm.

CARRIED