

Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, July 06, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Jim Richardson, Chair
Bill Fenwick, Vice-Chair
Tim Dowd
Shannon Sullivan
Mike Deinhart

Absent:

Cathy Hesch
Trish O'Neill

Guests:

Rosemary Goodwin
Jennifer Allen
Jayden Jeong
Kendra Osa
Isaac Newkirk
Chris Richard
Racheal Outram

Councillor Bill Phillips
Councillor Lori Littleton

Staff Liaison:

Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Culture Services
Lori Mambella, Manager of Programs and Culture Services
Eric Lamothe, Manager of Strategic and Business Services
Jessica Button, Project and Development Planner

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Jim Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

The

Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee
is an Advisory Committee of City Council



2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Jim Richardson acknowledged that the land on which the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy Sub-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 agenda for the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

5. Motion to adopt 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 June 1, 2021.

CARRIED

6. Motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting of the Recreation Facilities Allocation Sub-Committee meeting

Moved: Bill Fenwick

That the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the Recreation Facilities Allocation Sub-Committee meetings held on May 19, 2021 and June 9, 2021.

CARRIED

7. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

8. Business

8.1 St. Catharines Tennis Alliance

Presentation by Rosemary Goodwin, Jennifer Allen, Jayden Jeong, Kendra Osa and Isaac Newkirk

- Presented to offer to assist with tennis advocacy into the master planning process.
- Opportunity to increase and improve tennis facilities in St Catharines, residents with additional personal resources are required to go out of town.
- There are opportunities to expand access to the Realty Park courts during non-peak hours.
- Tennis can be promoted with designated play times for elementary and secondary schools.
- Availability and access to tennis facilities will improve usage.
- Noted that there are needs for improvement for opportunities to partner with the St. Catharines Tennis Alliance to promote community groups and community usage.
- Noted working with schools and suggested opportunities to use other indoor facilities.
- Noted Tennis Canada has opportunities to promote year-round courts with a bubble for the winter. There may be support and partnership opportunities from tennis Canada.
- Welcomed an opportunity to work together and improve tennis service delivery.

Motion to receive and refer the presentation to the August meeting of the RMPAC so that staff can work with the St Catharines Tennis Alliance.

Moved Bill Fenwick.

CARRIED

8.2 Tennis Courts

Presentation by Chris Richard

- There are 8 safe and playable courts in St Catharines.
- Players will not use courts that are not safe or not playable, this forces those who wish to play to play outside the City.
- The number of unplayable courts means the City is not meeting the standard of access to courts established in the RMP.
- New courts bring out new players.
- Courts with lights should be prioritized so that extra hours of tennis can be provided.
- Courts should be dual purpose with tennis and pickleball.

- A community based tennis club is beneficial for lessons, events and community building and would be interested in participating.
- For the October RMPAC meeting, present the Committee with a full plan for tennis in St. Catharines

Motion to receive and refer the presentation to the August meeting of the RMPAC so that staff can work with the St Catharines Tennis Alliance.

Moved Bill Fenwick.

CARRIED

8.3 Outdoor Skating Rink

Presentation by Racheal Outram

- Proposing an outdoor concrete pad for roller skating in the summer and ice skating in the winter.
- A facility would offer social, recreational, and economic development opportunities while building community.
- The facility can provide additional opportunities in the City's recreational programming.
- Facility can be named in honour of dawn e. crysler, a local musician and founding member of Niagara Roller Derby.
- Question asked about Pier 8 has ice making capabilities. It is flooded on top on the concrete.
- Questions asked about whether the skating community has the capacity to assist in planning and fundraising. Racheal believed this to be possible.

Motion to receive and have staff report back on construction and operational costs at Pier 8 in Hamilton.

Moved Shannon Sullivan.

CARRIED

8.4 Appointment of a Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee Member to the Transportation Advisory Committee

Motion appoint James Richardson to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Moved James Richardson.

CARRIED

8.5 Montebello Park Playground Renewal

- Eric Lamothe advised the committee that budget funds have been allocated to the replacement of the playground.
- Tender has been awarded with anticipated completion in late October.

8.6 COVID-19 Update

- Phil Cristi updated the Committee on Step 2
- Indoor recreation remains closed.
- limited indoor pool usage is available for leadership courses to train lifeguards
- Pool use is also available for medically prescribed aquatic use.
- Other indoor facilities should open with Step 3, along with the carousel.
- Staff are preparing to reinstate ice for Step 3.
- The market capacity has increased to 50%

8.7 Canada Summer Games Update

- Bill Fenwick will provide an update after his next meeting.
- Core committees are meeting, with additional committees meeting in September.

9. Date of next meeting

- August 3rd, 2021
- September 7th, 2021
- October 5th, 2021
- November 2nd, 2021

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Shannon Sullivan

That the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:57pm.

CARRIED