

Minutes

Thursday, April 01, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Bill Fenwick
Trish O'Neill
Tim Dowd

Absent:

Cathy Hesch
Shannon Sullivan

Guests:

Mike Deinhart

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
Kaylea Cassano, Community Strategy and Policy Coordinator

1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**

Bill Fenwick called the meeting to order at 5:01pm

2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**

Bill Fenwick 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**

Aquatics Facility Strategy Update
COVID-19 Update

4. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Tim Dowd

That the April 1, 2021 agenda of the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy Sub-Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

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

Moved by: Trish O'Neill

That the March 16, 2021 minutes of the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy Sub-Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

7. **Presentations (invited guests)**

There were none.

8. **Business arising from the minutes**

There were none.

9. **Business**

a. 9.1 Stakeholder Engagement Survey – Results

Tim Dowd commented on how tournament bookings may conflict with pre-existing bookings. Lori Mambella confirmed that tournament bookings are made in the current calendar year, which may impact bookings made in the previous year.

b. 9.2 Community Engagement Survey – Results

Lori Mambella provided the sub-committee with an in-depth review of the community engagement survey results.

c. 9.3 Next Steps

Lori Mambella provided a set of guiding principles and allocation principles that may be used during the development of the allocation policy.

The sub-committee went through each guiding principle and discussed their significance.

- Mike Deinhart asked for clarification on Q13 and whether proof of residency will be required for each type of booking. Lori Mambella confirmed that proof of residency applies to all booking types.
- Tim Dowd asked for clarification on Q13 and whether staff have the capacity to review and document residency. Lori Mambella and Phil Cristi commented that a process will need to be put in place that is attainable and efficient for staff.
- Mike Deinhart asked for clarification on Q14 and whether a three-tiered approach has been considered. Staff noted that all options are being reviewed.
- Mike Deinhart asked for clarification on Q20 and whether there is any reference to caliber of play in the current ice allocation policy. Lori Mambella confirmed that there are no references to caliber of play in the current policy.
- Trish O'Neill commented on Q23 and the implications of not prioritizing tournament rentals.

Lori Mambella confirmed that she will circulate a PDF version of the survey to the stakeholders who have not yet completed the Stakeholder Engagement Survey so that they may submit their answers.

Motion moved by Tim Dowd:

Motion to extend the Stakeholder Engagement Survey by two weeks to encourage users to participate in the survey.

CARRIED

Lori Mambella will circulate the Guiding Principles and the Ranking of Allocation Priorities exercise to the sub-committee to review and complete before the next meeting.

d. 9.4 Aquatics Facility Strategy Update

Phil Cristi provided the sub-committee with an update related to the Aquatics Facility Strategy. The strategy was scheduled to be presented to Council on

April 12th, 2021. However, due to the recent announcement of the YMCA closure, the strategy will be presented on a later date.

e. 9.5 COVID-19 Update

With the announcement of the Provincewide Emergency Break, all city facilities have been closed. Virtual programming will continue throughout the closure, as well as the St. Catharines Farmers Market. All in-person programming is prohibited.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Tim Dowd

That the Recreation Facilities Allocation Policy Sub-Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:42pm.

CARRIED