

**CENTRAL MANITOULIN
RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY MARCH 31, 2021
ZOOM VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

Attending: Councillor Dale Scott, Larry Karn, Wayne Legge, Darren Dewar and Chairperson Adam Smith. Staff Member Marcus Mohr

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Adam Smith

MOTION: Scott and Karn

That the agenda be approved as presented.....cd.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: Scott and Dewar

That the previous meetings minutes from February 24, 2021 be approved as presented.....cd.

Chairperson Smith welcomed Mr. Darren Dewar to the committee.

Discussion on the information package that resulted from the information requested from Municipal staff at the last meeting and delivered by email February 24, 2021, as well as information provided by Committee members.

- Discussion on further exploring other location options other than the Municipal Complex in Mindemoya. Discussion on usage and how proximity to the Public School would be an asset over any other potential site. As a previous discussion item at other meetings it was determined to be the current direction of the committee that purchasing a property would be an extra cost and that the location would end up being separate from all the other infrastructure such as the ball fields, pavilion, tennis court, hall and it should be kept together if possible. It was decided that Wayne Legge would reach out to the owner of the property that borders the south and east of the public school for an official response on selling a part of the property that would be sufficient, 5 acres+ for a new facility, parking and future expansion preferably on the Yonge Street side. The general thought was that an official inquiry about the property to the private landowner was required for definitive answer and possible price and that it was required for due diligence in researching this option.
- Discussion on proposal of placement and that the committee should proceed with options that would cover all or part of the existing Mindemoya Old School footprint as the Request for Proposals for the demolition of that building are still pending.
- Discussion on whether it is feasible to include a multiple sheet curling rink with the design or phased in design. It was generally thought that although not part of the original scope and that they are not Municipal assets, realistically it has been done in other communities, that it is popular activity for all ages, specifically seniors and that activity may not have survived in those other communities if it was not consolidated into one building with shared internal infrastructure. That if one or two of the two existing clubs was unable to carry on financially or by way of membership in the near future that it may

be a good decision to incorporate it into feasibility. It's feasibility should be pursued if out of nothing else but due diligence where the curling club boards would be asked officially so that an answer could be officially on file and pursuing the feasibility would be based on that response.

Additionally, there may be an additional advantage for funding and public appeal in furthering the usages of multi-use. Revenue generation capability would have to be examined.

- Discussion went to future planning and room for or proposed expansion layouts.
- Discussion went to changing dynamics and demographics of the region, specifically to the increase in population, building and who exactly is moving to Central Manitoulin, what services would be expected and supported. MPAC assessments and mill rates were discussed regarding increasing property sale values and how that would positively or negatively affect our Municipality and any new proposed recreation infrastructure.
- Further exploration on cost of the example arenas if those can be made available to us.
 - Costs times inflation over years since the example builds.
 - If any of the contacts for the sample builds could provide input in any design elements they would change.
- Discussion on additional members beyond the current 5 with the newest member, at least 2 other people expressed interest in the committee, if needed, when the most recent call for applications went out. The committee felt that the size of the committee was sufficient at this time and that the two other potential people were open to being consulted on their expertise if needed without being on the committee.
- Additional discussion on making this committee's current progress known to Council, so that large decisions and investment beyond regular maintenance that are currently being discussed or before council about recreation infrastructure including halls and arenas be with an informed perspective from the committee before its final report is produced. Further that a short presentation with a delegation from Chairperson Smith be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.
 - Initial Proposal
 - Summary of Working Document
 - Synopsis Key points
- The committee used screen share technology and further narrowed down an ideal position for best option for expansion and parking on a proposed new facility.

Next Steps, Timelines and Deliverables were discussed. The Committee and Municipal staff to provide:

- Wayne to contact private landowner around Central Manitoulin Public School regarding any intention to sell the property and what the cost may be.
- Officially contact the two curling clubs' boards in the Municipality about their future intentions and/or interest in this type of merged infrastructure. Additional consultation with former Little Current club presidents/members at the time of merger with one facility.
- Marcus examples of newer/similar builds cost times inflation and COVID-19 inflation.

- Larry to research Sudbury arena example.
- Presentation and Adam on the next council Agenda on April 22, 2021. Presentation
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- Marcus to finalize the discussed facility position layout for presentation purposes.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday April 21, 2021 for 6:30 pm at the Council Chambers or by Zoom video/teleconference software based on the Provincial COVID-19 regulations at that time.

The meeting was **adjourned** on a **motion made by Darren Dewar at 8:30 p.m.**