

## **Walkerton Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **Meeting #02/19**

**Date and Time:** Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Municipal Office – Meeting Room

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**Attending:** Suzanne Brown  
James Lang  
Bryn Maus  
Eric McDougall  
Don Moore  
Mike Murphy  
Hayley Murray  
Katrina Wei  
Jeremy Wright  
Albert Zwart

**Absent:** Jordan Turcotte  
Bill Carroll

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

#### **2. Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion Moved by: D. Moore      Seconded: K. Wei

That the Agenda of the February 26, 2019 meeting be accepted.

Carried.

#### **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

#### **4. Review and Approval of Old Minutes**

Motion Moved by: B. Maus      Seconded: H. Murray

That the Minutes of the October 30, 2018 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#### **5. Business Arising from Old Minutes**

5.1      New Build/Renovation Strategy Update

- J. Lang introduced Mike Murphy as the Acting Director of Recreation for the remainder of 2019. M. Murphy will be making a recommendation to council for Parks and recreation.
- Budget talks are currently underway and the committee will be updated as soon as the budget is passed.
- J. Lang suggested that the new build subcommittee reach out to the community and see what they are needing and wanting (YMCA, new build, renovation, etc.). The committee feels that the community should have a say and be up to date of what is happening.
- Murphy told the committee that the Request of Proposals has been released for the pool and facilities.

## 5.2 Dog Park Updates – B. Maus

- Committee has been dissolved and will have to be created
- There is \$5000 in reserves and \$5000 this year's budget to be allocated to the dog park

## 5.3 River Markers – J. Lang

- Will move forward with plans in the spring

## 5.4 Moving of the Hockey Nets – E. McDougall

- Part time staff and Rink Rats/Cruisers are currently moving the nets for this hockey season. This will be reviewed for the 2019/2020 season

# 6. Staff Reports – E. McDougall

## 6.1 Budget Updates – E. McDougall

- E. McDougall reported that the pool tiles have been approved and will be replaced in the pool/equipment/building area this spring.
- Playground Resurfacing – We received the grants for resurfacing the Walkerton playgrounds. Tot Lot and Centennial Park will be replaced with engineered wood fiber, with Lobies playground and New Optimist Playground having poured in rubber.
- There is a proposal for the playground to be moved to closer to the road (west of the arena building). There is an upcoming meeting and the location of the road and playground will be reviewed. Waste Water is going to be funding 50% of the road restructuring project and the remainder funded by Recreation. This has not been finalised and these plans will be passed onto the committee when available.
- There are 2 lots in the old Brant Central subdivision that have been allocated to parks/green space. M. Murphy is looking for any feedback regarding this area.
- River Bend Park and Walkerton Dam- This area is currently being S. Watson. J. Lang thought the Dam was being scheduled to be removed in the fall of 2019. This is still being reviewed regarding greenspace after the fact.



## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Correspondence Titled, "Division Name Change"**

Corien Sinclair sent the committee a letter regarding the names being used by local minor sports teams (Hockey and Baseball). She would like the names to be changed to support diversity and inclusion within our committee. J. Lang has spoken with Corien and let her know that this could be a difficult task because the names are based on Canada wide divisions but by making the change in Walkerton, it would spread to other communities and become the new "normal". J. Lang would also like to speak at W.O.A.A. meeting and work with them on changing things.

The committee is supporting Corien and her efforts and will be working with hockey and baseball to change the division names.

It was recommended that we invite Walkerton Minor Hockey and Walkerton Minor Ball to a meeting to discuss this recommendation.

Motion Moved by: D. Moore      Seconded: K. Wei

The Walkerton Recreation Committee recommends that council endorse the concept to change the names of local Minor sports teams.

Carried.

### **7.2 Go Pro filming of Minor hockey Games**

An issue came forward regarding a parent (from the opposing team) filming a minor hockey game at the Walkerton arena and having it posted online/social media. There is no current policy regarding this. E. McDougall will be reviewing this and will report back to the committee.

### **7.3 Auditorium Renovations**

Capital Budget – Eric is going to be presenting 3 options to council regarding the auditorium budget (being used for storage possibly, fitness area and social events). This will be reviewed and brought to the committee and council at the further date.

### **7.4 Edger Usage**

A complaint that been brought forth that the edger has not being used regularly. There is a lot of physical labour required in ice maintenance and this will be brought forth to staff and having regular scheduled maintenance will be done to assist with this.

### **7.5 Ice Dividers**

H. Murray inquired about new ice dividers being purchased for the tyke/mite hockey programs. Currently the ice is split by using foam short dividers so 2 games can be run at the same time. H. Murray would like to see the boards purchased for safety reasons.

M. Murphy suggested that advertising could be put/sold on the boards to assist with purchase. E. McDougall will look into this.

**7.6 De – Ox System**

The hot water heater (used to fill the Olympia) is currently not working. Therefore causing cold showers in the change rooms. The Olympia has to be filled with hot water. \

E. McDougall is currently investigating a de-ox system that will require cold water floods resulting in harder ice that dries faster. This system is also energy efficient. Currently, Wilmot is using this system at their complex and E. McDougall hopes to meet with them and review the process and the equipment. This system is currently in the 2019 budget taking to council and will hopefully be passed at a future date.

**7.7 Soccer Fields**

It is going to potentially cost \$70 000 per field to install drainage on each soccer fields. Council is currently weighing all their options and litigation is currently being reviewed. F. Hamilton (Municipal Clerk) is currently reviewing this and will report her findings. The committee would like to be a part of the soccer field discussion regarding them being fixed. The committee would like to stay open with council and vice versa.

**7.8 Joint meetings – Elmwood and Cargill**

J. Lang would like the groups to meet quarterly (Cargill and Elmwood) and work together on their many projects. J. Lang and E. McDougall will be speaking with Cargill and Elmwood to make arrangements for these joint meetings.

**8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday April 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion Moved by: H. Murray      Seconded by: B. Maus

That the Recreation Committee adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Carried.