



Walkerton Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #

Date and Time: Monday November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Municipality of Brockton Meeting Room

Attendance

Suzanne Brown, James Lang, Eric McDougall, Don Moore, Mike Murphy, Hailey Murray, Jordan Turcotte, Katrina Wei, Jeremy Wright, Albert Zwart

Business Items:

Meeting minutes recorded by Secretary

- 1. Call to Order at 7:02 pm**
- 2. Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion: K. Wei

Seconded: D. Moore

- 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
- 4. Review and Approval of Old Minutes**

Motion: K. Wei

Seconded: H. Murray

- 5. Business Arising from Old Minutes**

5.1 Building Condition Assessments

J. Lang stressed the importance of continuing to push for funding to be set aside by council for a new community centre. J. Lang has spoken to the YMCA and will be speaking with other facilities about strategies they have used. J. Lang would like to see a sub-committee formed to assist with the process of getting things started. The new Recreation Director will hopefully starting in January and they will also be working on this. J. Lang also noted that the first step is getting the community support on a new build.

5.2 Dog Park update

Nothing new to report

5.3 Capital List for 2020

E. McDougall presented the capital projects list to committee members. The committee reviewed the list and questioned the removal of the high dive

board at the Walkerton pool. This feature is a high risk and will possibly be replaced with a new water feature.

6. Delegation/Information brought forward - Letter from Tegan Garland, Ehren Warren, Landen Copland and Donevin Brooks regrading Skate Park.

A letter was received by the Recreation Committee requesting the support of a skateboard park for the community. This has been brought forward in the past. Bob Warrem (Walkerton Rotarian) tried to get things started a couple of years ago but there wasn't enough community support for the project. It was also noted, there is another delegation interested in presenting in the future regarding the process of bringing a BMX park for Brockton. It was suggested that we have an information meeting for the public and see how much interest there is in the community.

The committee questioned Funding – possible seed money for the project but need to have the community behind the project and fundraising.

D. Moore will speak with Bob Warrem about what he was able to accomplish while working on this project.

The committee would like to invite the interested kids and parents to come and speak with the committee as a delegation.

7. Staff Update – Mike Murphy

Mike spoke with HR and we are anticipating a January 2 start date for the new Director position

- Grants – drainage for the soccer fields– successful and will take place in the spring of 2020.
- Building for the soccer fields – washrooms – grant submitted but wont know for a bit if successful
- Optimist Playground – the Playground has been fully installed but there was some damage on the surface. Currently reviewing how to repair the damage in the spring, the remaining will be done (hydro seeding and landscaping) in Spring 2020.
- Boat launch – almost completed (looking into because of the weather). There is to be some more work done and Saugeen valley is looking after this.
- Trail issues – homeless – the municipality has been working with the YMCA for the individuals to have housing.
- Recreation hockey league – Alcohol use – Mike and Eric have met with the league and will meet again tomorrow to further discuss the issues. There have been some incidents this season and it is going to be reviewed with the Rec League.

- Donated the Zamboni to Walkerton Minor Hockey to be Used at the PWU Centre (Horse Palace)
- Length of Ice season – Because our facility does not have a heating loop under the ice pad, it has resulted in the possibility of having permafrost. The arena was not designed to have spring ice. This is not new but has not been identified as a possible issue with our facility. M. Murphy has directed E. McDougall to get advice from ORFA and will be consulting with the arena service provider. E. McDougall will be writing a report to council with 2 options regarding Spring ice/Quickfeet
 1. Stop spring ice and remove the ice the end of March
 2. Continue with Spring Ice/Quickfeet and take the risk. .

This decision will be made by council, not staff. Quickfeet is not being cancelled at this point but it is being reviewed. If the floor does heave, the cost would be a minimum \$600,000 + to replace. The arena was not designed to have spring ice in. It has been recommended that for every 2 month that the ice is in, the ice should be out for 1 months.

- Diamond #2 back stop and outfield fence is being installed. It will be installed down the lines.
- Deox System – being installed shortly. No date set at this point
- Chiller is onsite – will get through this season and then have it installed when the ice is removed.
- WES for youth tournament is happening this week
- Ice edging –needs to be done more often.

3. New Business

1. Albert Zwart – Truex dam – concrete dam protective wall.
Zwart is questioning if the project has been according to the original plans. J. Lang will speak with Gregg Furtney and Sonya Watson regarding this and will report back about changes made to the original plan.
2. James Lang – Trail behind Tim Hortons
There is a part of the trail behind Tim Hortons that is of concern. This road/trail area is very rough. The area is owned by Tim Hortons and they would like to work with us on this project to make it better. Barb Nixon is has been looking at this area as well. She has suggested possibly using an eco roster system.

4. Next Meeting

Tuesday January 21, 2020

5. Adjournment at 8:13pm

Motion: A. Zwart

Seconded: K. Wei