

North Perth Recreation Complex Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 15th, 2011

7:00 p.m.

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Present: John Verwey, Doug Kellum, Tami Chauvin, Matt Richardson, Amber McCraney, Sherri Coombs, Judy Givens, Heather Horn, Steve Hardie, Jason Balzer, Mike Givens, Lloyd Martin, Ken Vander Eyk, Steve Wolfe, Sue Thompson
Guests: Bill Watson

Call to Order – Chair John Verwey called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming on such short notice. The purpose of this meeting is to put delegates in place by tomorrow for the council meeting on March 21st.

Additions to the Agenda – None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – None were declared at this time.

Review & Adoption of Minutes –

It was moved by Jason Balzer, seconded by Lloyd Martin THAT the minutes of the Feb. 16th Recreation Complex Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

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Council Presentation March 7th – Steve gave an overview of what was presented to council by Fred Galloway. This included but not limited to: Recreation Facility Report (2005), Genivar/Henson Report (2008), Multi Use Recreation Facility Activities (May 2010), a recap of what this committee has done to date as well as proposed next steps by the committee.

At this meeting John also presented Council with the resolution which asked for direction to be given to this committee from Council on moving forward with the new recreation complex plans or rehabilitating the existing Listowel Memorial Arena by March 21st.

It was reported to the Committee that Council had many questions, several of which involved dollar figures and it was apparent they want to know what was discovered through the process with Campaign Coaches.

Next Steps – Council Meeting March 21st – Steve is taking all members of Council on a tour of the 3 Municipal Arenas in order to help them better understand the conditions.

Bill Watson shared that the Kinsmen Club is willing to donate \$1 million only for a new facility – not for rehabilitation of the existing Listowel Arena. Bill suggested that perhaps the resolution before Council is a bit premature. Are we ready to answer all the questions they may have?

Bill shared that he has spoken to 10 people in the past week who stated they

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would be willing to make large donations to the new complex only if it included a pool.

Mike voiced concerns of several citizens whom he has spoken with that do not want the location to move outside of town.

These revelations reinforced to the committee that Community Forums are needed to educate the public on feasible options.

Lloyd reported that Campaign Coaches will have a report to him by Monday March 21st that includes potential fundraising dollars based on their interviews.

Much discussion ensued regarding how best to approach Council at this meeting and the frustrations of this committee were voiced by many. Also discussed was the Mayor's request that the new Council be on board before we can move forward when in January 2010 this resolution was passed:

16.01-10 Council approved the committee to proceed to plan, develop and prepare for construction of a new mutli use complex to replace the Listowel Memorial Arena.

After thoughtful discussion it was concluded that the resolution the Committee currently has before council is too open ended and will permit Council to easily vote it down. It was also realized that the new Council perhaps needs more information and time to study all the past surveys.

Bill offered to attend the March 21st meeting as a delegation representing the Kinsmen Club to express to Council the needs of the Listowel Kinsmen Club. They need to know ASAP how the Recreation Complex issue will proceed so they can determine how to move forward in regard to the Kin Station upgrades. The committee supported this offer.

It was moved by Amber McCraney, seconded by Sherri Coombs THAT the North Perth Recreation Complex Committee rescind the resolution currently before Council.

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John Verwey will appear before Council as a delegation on March 21st and explain that we rescinded the motion to give them time to study all the information gathered to this point and to also allow the Committee time to share with them financial findings gathered by Campaign Coaches. John will also ask Council if they have any questions that they would like answered before we come back with a resolution to move forward.

All members of this committee are asked to attend the council meeting on the 21st in a show of support. 7pm, Council Chambers.

Other Business – Should a press release be issued to address public misconceptions? The committee decided it was too early.

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Announcements – The next meeting is scheduled for Wed. Mar. 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. Campaign Coaches will be invited to attend.

It was moved by Lloyd Martin and seconded by Sherri Coombs THAT the meeting be adjourned.

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CHAIR – John Verwey

Date

Recording Secretary – Tami Chauvin

Date