

**NORTH PERTH RECREATION COMPLEX  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 9, 2009  
7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, Council Chambers**

Attendance: Paul Horn, Heather Horn, Lloyd Martin, Terry Seiler, Sherri Coombs, Ed Hollinger, John Verwey, Dave Johnston, Judy Givens, Russ Danbrook, Amy Gangl, Chris Kurz, Adrian Vader, Allan Rothwell, Tami Chauvin, Mike Givens, Cathy Bitton, Bryan Nichol, Dave Hicknell, Jason Balzer, Lesley Burton, Kate Docker, Amber McCraney

- 1) Call to order – Chair Paul Horn called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Additions to Agenda – There were none.

*It was moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Lloyd Martin THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 3) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None declared.
- 4) Review & Adoption of the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 minutes –

*It was moved by Russ Danbrook, seconded by John Verwey THAT the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> minutes of the North Perth Multi-Purpose Complex Committee be adopted as circulated.*

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- 5) Business Arising from Minutes – None.
- 6) Delegation(s) – Dave Hicknell from Gamsby & Mannerow spoke on servicing for the Purcell farm property: sanitary sewers, storm sewers, water, hydro, phone, gas, etc. There is some distance to go for water and sewers and it needs to be determined the best option and how much of the property is to be serviced. There are other houses and businesses along Hwy. 86 that could hook in and share the cost. Future growth of the area needs to be kept in mind when determining the size of pipe to be used. If the decision is to hook in to services at the Kinpark area, we would need to own the land or enter into an easement agreement. Dave was not prepared to make a guess on what the cost would be for services.  
Allan Rothwell from the County Planning Dept. gave the perspective from a planning standpoint. Of the 100 acres Purcell property, the top 40 acres have been designated for a new cemetery, and the 20 acres closest to Hwy. 86 have been set aside for a Rec. Complex. As the west end is the logical future growth area, it is important to keep in mind that nothing can be built on top of where the pipes would be buried. MDS (Minimum Distance Separation) dictates that approx. ¼ of the property is not usable for the recreation complex or parkland/playground due to the location of the horse barn across the road. This area could be used for parking and possibly a storm water management pond. Allan explained that a SWM pond manages the quality and quantity of run off. The County Official Plan would not allow for a subdivision on the Haverkamp property if it were to be sold. The Purcell property is currently zoned agricultural but under public uses, council could re-zone it to recreational without any difficulty. The municipality has special

privileges and there would be no application or public process required, but the MDS needs to be respected.

7) Sub-Committee Reports

**Heather** – Nothing to report.

**Lloyd** – This sub-committee had a meeting in November where the staging plan was reviewed in relation to funding. They are working on the process, Q & A's, and score card for the professional fund raising services. Their next meeting will be preparing for the interviews. A fundraising consultant was planning to attend tonight but was cancelled due to the weather.

Paul added that according to the staging plan, we are at step 2 (preferred design), as step 1 of allocating a preferred site has been done by Council.

**Sherri** – This sub-committee met last Wednesday and re-capped all of the Rec. Complex Comm. minutes. They reviewed the 5-step staging process, and talked about the modifications made to the Communication Strategy.

They also discussed the process for choosing a site and expressed disappointment that they had no say in this process. Sherri has encouraged the members to attend tonight's meeting to keep informed.

**Russ** – This sub-committee feels it can go no further until there is a funding announcement. They were advised by an architect that we need to be ready to go to tender by February or we'll have trouble getting tradespeople to build for us. We need to look at the facility requirements of the Kinsmen when planning our complex.

8) Other Business – Ed H. stated that we are no further ahead with the funding announcement – we had expected something last week but it didn't happen. We need to consider the fact that Bill Watson received a test email as positive. There was discussion whether the deadline for project completion would be extended if the funding comes through. The direction given was that we still need to move forward so we're ready when everything falls into place. Ed was asked if there are any funds available to move forward with. Ed suggested that the budget process is underway and if a request was made in writing, it would be a good time for it to be considered. The sub-committee should make the recommendation to the Rec. Complex Committee, who in turn would take it to council. The next logical step is to have an engineer plot out on the property where everything should go. If that's the way the committee wants to proceed, they should make a request for funds to support this.

There was discussion about the current state of the arena and numerous issues with maintaining it. We're simply patching it to keep it operational but something major could go wrong at any time. At this point, there is no guarantee that we will be building now or ever – we need council support. We need to get the community behind it so council can't say no. There is a concern that we are losing momentum and that the community and committee members are losing interest as things are taking too long. Public forums should be held to get the community involved.

There is interest from service clubs and investors in addition to what the Kinsmen have committed. A preliminary design is needed and people need to know the funding implications before we can go forward.

The compilation of past studies is to be ready soon for circulation to the committee. There was agreement that we have to sell this as more than an arena to the public.

The sub-committees are to work on concepts for gaining public support and any budget requests for the next meeting.

9) New Business - None.

10) Announcements – The next meeting was set for Tues. Jan. 19 @ 7:00 p.m. in council chambers. Sub-committee members will again be invited to attend.

*It was moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Lloyd Martin THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Chairperson – **Paul Horn**

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Recording Secretary – **Kate Docker**

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