

**NORTH PERTH MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX
COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009
7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, Council Chambers**

Attendance: Paul Horn, Heather Horn, Lloyd Martin, Dave Johnston, Sherri Coombs, John Verwey, Ed Hollinger, Steve Hardie, Fran Hale, Kate Docker

Delegations: Rhonda Donegan, Bob Balthes, Josh Alexander, Don Annett, Dave Ross

- 1) Call to order – Chair Paul Horn called the meeting to order @ 7:10 p.m.
- 2) Additions to Agenda – There were none.

It was moved by Lloyd Martin, seconded by Heather Horn THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

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- 3) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None declared.
- 4) Review & Adoption of Apr. 8th minutes –

It was moved by Sherri Coombs, seconded by Dave Johnston THAT the Apr. 8th 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) – A) *Listowel Jr. B's* – Don Annett was representing this group and listed some things they would like to see:
 - 1,200 – 1,400 capacity with seating for 900 – 1,000, preferably completely around the ice surface which would also allow for a running track
 - More parking with designated bus parking would be an asset
 - Bar and upstairs warm area are essential
 - A fitness room/area would be an asset
 - Bigger ice surface is a priority
 - Heated floors in the dressing rooms and larger showers would be nice
 - 6 dressing rooms plus separate larger dressing room and office for the Jr. B's (they would try to help financially with outfitting their areas)
 - Separate entrance to the Jr. B area would be useful

B) Optimist Club of Listowel – Dave Ross was representing this group and listed some things they would like to see:

- An area to accommodate speech contests, spelling bees, etc.
- A meeting room for 30 – 40 members that can seat up to 100 for dinner with access to a kitchen
- Storage space for various clubs to share

Dave was asked if the Optimist Club would be willing to generate some money for the facility and it was felt that the club would likely be open to the idea.

C) *Minor Hockey & Figure Skating* – Bob Balthes, Rhonda Donegan and Josh Alexander were representing Listowel and Wallace Minor Hockey and Figure Skating Groups and had the following to share:

- They have a combined usage of 88 ¼ hours per week of ice and they are constantly challenged with finding enough ice time for their needs
- They would like to host more events but have to decline because of lack of available ice time
- Wallace Arena's smaller ice surface is an issue
- They would like to see more space for trophy cases and hanging of championship banners
- They feel a double ice pad is necessary with 2,000 capacity for one, and somewhat less for the second
- The Listowel and Wallace Figure Skating Clubs are not going to combine as one group as they are under 2 separate sanctions
- Some testing cannot be held in either of the arenas due to ice surface size issues
- The Listowel Skating Club uses 249 hours of ice per year
- There are 2 Skating weekend events that would generate money for the community that they cannot run as there is not sufficient ice time
- They would support twin pads which would allow for their clubs to grow
- The music room is an important part of the Skating program and any new facility would need to accommodate this need, ensuring it has a view of the ice
- Storage is desperately needed as well as the need for meeting rooms with more privacy
- Due to changes in the OMHA rules, Wallace Minor Hockey are running into issues because of limits on the number of players on the smaller ice surface. This results in more displacement to Listowel. Twin pads would provide opportunities for future development, possibly a Triple A team and expanding girls hockey.
- Listowel and Wallace Hockey and Figure Skating groups are working together to better utilize ice times
- The feeling of all the groups is that without expanding on what we have now, we are no further ahead and there is no benefit for the future.

Paul read the Committee's mandate and pointed out that a decision by Council is to come quicker than previously expected. Funding is definitely needed and a factor in the decision whether to carry forward. Dave added that more input would be wanted once/if Council decides to build a new facility.

D) *Day Care – letter from Lisa Harding* – A written request was received for this Committee to consider Day Care in this process. They have a waiting list of 14 and have received numerous requests for infant and toddler care which they cannot accommodate. There is potential funding that may be available. The Committee is not surprised by this information as the needs of Day Care have been discussed in the past. There is currently an agreement with the schools for space to run the Before & After School and Best Start programs. There was discussion about the possibility of using the meeting rooms requested by other groups for Day Care.

- 7) Review Minutes of Listowel Fire Station and Administration Building Committees – The minutes were reviewed and there were no questions regarding their content.

8) Other Business – None.

9) New Business – Fran spoke on the announcement regarding the second intake of Build Canada funding. A recreation section has been added in the program with Federal and Provincial partners each providing 1/3rd. The deadline to make application is May 1st, 2009 and construction needs to be completed by Mar. 31st, 2011. The mayor added that we would be in competition with other municipalities under 100,000 people for the funding and we need to prove financial viability. Council needs to discuss making application in the very near future, but it was agreed that we have already done a lot of work so we are not in bad shape.

If and when Council decides to make application and to proceed, location will be discussed in more depth and public opinion will be included in the decision.

It was discussed that the short turn around time for the funding is typical and is aimed at boosting the economy as quickly as possible.

It was questioned whether the Red Grant money could be used. As this is already allocated, it would only possibly be available if there is excess that isn't used for the specific projects.

Dave added that no matter what we do, it is going to cost a lot of money and since we are looking at 33 cent dollars, we have to go ahead with the application and have confidence that the community will make the rest happen.

It was noted that in the event fundraising doesn't come through, the Municipality would have to pick up the tab.

Paul informed everyone that the chairs from the 3 Facility Infrastructure Committees will be meeting tomorrow and will take a recommendation to Council for the 20th, and will hopefully have a decision by the 27th. The 3 Options were reviewed with a couple of additions being made: Option 1 – Pros – historical value of the building/location, Cons – Inability for user groups to grow/expand programs, outdated arena surface size, and facility out of commission during renovations; Option 3 – Pros – opportunity for users and service clubs to grow/expand programs.

Based on careful consideration of the pros and cons of each option, the Committee was in agreement to recommend to Council Option 3 and therefore passed the following resolution:

It was moved by Lloyd Martin, seconded by Sherri Coombs THAT the Multi-Purpose Complex Committee recommends to North Perth Council to consider Option #3 and direct the Director of Finance to make application for 2/3rds funding through BCF2 to construct a multi-purpose complex.

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Paul thanked those in attendance for their input and reiterated that there will be public meetings held for more public input.

10) Announcements – The next meeting was set for Wed. Apr. 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by John Verwey at 8:50 p.m.

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Chairperson – **Paul Horn**

Date

Recording Secretary – **Kate Docker**

Date