

**NORTH PERTH MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX
COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009
7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, Committee Room**

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

Guests: Bruce Cox – Listowel Curling Club

- 1) Call to order – Chair Paul Horn called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Additions to Agenda – There were none. Paul reminded the Committee of its mandate and that Council has made no decisions as this point.

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

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- 3) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None declared.
- 4) Delegation(s) – Listowel Curling Club – Bruce Cox was representing this group and expressed that their biggest concern is parking. If the current arena were expanded in anyway, it would affect what little parking the Curling Club now has. They already close on Friday nights because of the Junior B games. If the arena were re-located, they would like to have 40 spaces available for their use. The possibility of the Curling Club being part of a Multi-Purpose Complex was discussed, as well as the idea of expanding the Curling Club if the arena was relocated. They could host more tournaments if they had a larger venue, especially spectator seating. Their building is in good shape for now but they require a new condenser.
- 5) Review & Adoption of Apr. 1st minutes –

It was moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Ed Hollinger THAT the Apr. 1st minutes of the North Perth Multi-Purpose Complex Committee be adopted as circulated.

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- 6) Business Arising from Minutes – Russ feels it is hard to make recommendations until costs for each option can be firmed up. Paul replied that we have preliminary #'s in the report which can be used as a guideline. Once a decision is made, a project manager/consultant would be hired and the #'s would be more accurate.
There was discussion regarding rezoning of the property if the arena was removed, and there is a road right-of-way to consider. Possible #'s of residential lots that could be made available were discussed. Terry reminded everyone that we have to consider 'Never Forget 1959' and share our thoughts with them before we do anything.
- 7) Review Submission Forms Received – 'Never Forget 1959' would like a display cabinet in the entrance of any new facility. It was agreed that any redevelopment of the present site would need to address some sort of memorial

aspect in that area and include them in the design. The stone that is placed at the Library could be relocated to the memorial area and incorporated somehow. The North Perth Arts & Culture Council would like a meeting room suitable for 12 people, workshop room(s) to accommodate up to 30 people, a gallery area for display purposes, and a theatre with stage and lighting that seats 200. It was felt that their first 3 requests wouldn't be too hard to include if considered at the planning stage.

Listowel Minor Hockey is planning to attend on April 15th.

There was discussion about including the Elma-Logan and Wallace Minor Hockey and Figure Skating organizations to get their input.

All groups that submit comments will be sent a letter to thank them for their input.

8) Discuss Option 3 – Build a Multi-Purpose Complex.

- Pros**
- Efficiencies - energy, labour, operational cost savings of a new building versus old
 - Could choose a better location to serve the community with easier access, room for growth, possibility to partner with other groups (i.e golf, curling, schools)
 - Availability of possible 2/3 rds funding
 - Orderly renewal of the community – adds pride
 - Promotes Economic Development & new industry
 - Remove liability of old building
 - Potential for higher revenue
 - Re-locating would create re-development opportunity on the current site (Curling Club)
 - If not now, will only get worse and more facilities will need to be replaced
 - More options for community events, fundraising opportunities and community involvement
- Cons**
- Curling Club would lose use of the arena for large events if removed
 - Impact of cost on the taxpayers
 - Require funding in order to proceed
 - No matter what location is chosen, it will not suit all ratepayers
 - Need to find suitable location – current location not an option
 - Not knowing what the community wants

It was noted that the Mt. Forest arena cost just over \$9 mil. and the community feels that is too much to spend in this economy. It was discussed that we need to base the decision to build on funding, and figure out how far we go in the process before we apply for it. Although there is no criteria set, it was felt if we have a conceptual plan of what we would like to build, that would be the time to start the funding process. It was noted that we haven't heard requests from any seniors, or the people that say they want a walking track and indoor pool. There was discussion as to how many uses qualifies the facility as a Multi-Purpose Complex, and about the possibility of including Day Care, retail outlets, a gym, and a convention centre. There is a certain amount of overlap between options 2 & 3 and if the decision is to build, further investigation can be done into what to include. It was suggested that the Building Committee may want to do a survey of the general public when we get to that point.

9) Other Business – There was discussion about contacting some of the groups that we haven't heard from. Paul encouraged those interested to do so and asked that they let Kate or Steve know so they can be put on the agenda. Paul asked everyone to keep in mind that Council may not like any of the options presented.

This committee's recommendation to Council should include the suggestions from the submission forms received.

10) New Business – There was no new business.

11) Announcements – The next meeting was set for Wed. Apr. 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Lloyd Martin at 9:05 p.m.

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Chairperson – **Paul Horn**

Date

Recording Secretary – **Kate Docker**

Date