

**NORTH PERTH RECREATION COMPLEX
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, January 19th, 2010
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, Tami Chauvin, Cathy Bitton, Lesley Burton, Kate Docker, Amber McCraney, Adam Smith, Charles Smith, Jeff Erwin, Steve Wolfe, Jeff Bannerman, William Zehr, Fran Hale, Kriss Snell, Susan Thompson, Steve Hardie

- 1) Call to order – Chair Paul Horn called the meeting to order @ 7:05 p.m.
- 2) Additions to Agenda – There were none.

It was moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Sherri Coombs THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

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- 3) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None declared.
- 4) Review & Adoption of the Dec. 9th, 2009 and Jan. 11th, 2010 minutes –

It was moved by Lloyd Martin, seconded by Sherri Coombs THAT the Dec. 9th and Jan. 11th minutes of the North Perth Multi-Purpose Complex Committee be adopted as circulated and amended.

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- 5) Business Arising from Minutes – None.
- 6) Delegation(s) – None.
- 7) Discussion Regarding Kinsmen Presentation to Council Jan. 18th – Lloyd commended Bill Watson and the Listowel Kinsmen for delivering a strong message and giving a thorough presentation which he feels is representative of a large contingency of the public. Paul read the resolution that was passed at Council for a new Recreation Complex to replace the Listowel Arena, and re-capped on last night's delegation: the Kinsmen are still interested in being involved & financially in support of a Recreation Complex. They touched on the pool issue. They may want a building or meeting room for Kinsmen/ Kinette use. We would need to address matters such as whether they would be charged rent. The feasibility study is the next step to determine what the public wants and supports. Tami noted that Ward & Uptigrove are willing to work with this committee on compiling the data presently in our possession. Steve explained the process for a feasibility study: develop terms of reference to determine what we want to get out of this study; find out what the community wants, needs, will support in usage, will support in fees, and will support in tax increases. The committee scorecard information will be shared along with any other relevant info. Once the terms of reference are drawn up, they would be approved by this committee and then sent to Council for approval before being sent out.

Possible funding options for the study were discussed and it was felt that it needs to be part of the budget process.

The following motion will go to the Feb. 1st Council meeting:

It was moved by Lloyd Martin, seconded by Sherri Coombs THAT the North Perth Recreation Complex Committee recommends to Council to proceed with a Needs & Feasibility Study for a new recreation complex subject to availability of funds through the 2010 budget process.

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In the meantime, we need to keep bandaiding the facility to get us through the next few years. A revised timeline will be determined by the Needs & Feasibility Study.

It was noted that Council will want to know how much the study is going to cost before they approve it. Steve will have an estimate by Feb. 1st and it can be added to the council resolution.

There was discussion about ways to keep the cost of the study down by being creative and having the committee members survey the public. It was felt that financial implications need to be included in the survey as it could make a difference on how people respond. Partnerships such as the 'Y' need to be kept in mind.

8) Sub-Committee Reports

Heather – This sub-committee met Dec. 23rd to develop some ways to get public input: ad in Listowel Banner; North Perth website – including updates on the process; facebook, twitter, etc.; Amy's Recreation Report in the paper; attend meetings of user groups; draft standard questionnaire & distribute – make an election issue; editorial in the Banner; letters to the editor. They are requesting a budget of \$5,000.00.

Sherri – This sub-committee developed some ideas on gaining public support: public forums; door-to-door survey; Community Connection newsletter. They have developed a slogan "What's In It For Me", and are requesting a \$6,000.00 budget for producing pamphlets, brochures, etc. It was discussed and agreed that a media release be prepared and sent out that Council has made a decision to proceed and that we will be looking for public input. It was also felt that we need to do this on a regular basis to keep the public informed, so it will be added as an agenda item for every meeting.

Lloyd – This sub-committee met prior to this meeting and passed a motion to request a budget of \$20,000.00 for the hiring of a fundraising consultant. A consultant can tell us how much we stand to raise in the community, and they keep a percentage of that amount.

Russ – This sub-committee is requesting a budget of \$20,000.00 to have Gamsby & Mannerow do a rough costing of several proposals for servicing of the Purcell property. This committee feels flexibility is the key in a new facility.

9) Other Business – There was discussion regarding putting up a sign on the future rec. complex site and that Economic Development has some funds available if that is how the committee wishes to proceed. Seeing as there is some question as to whether this is the best site, it was agreed that since the parameters have changed, it would be a good idea to review the process by which the selection was made and see if the outcome would remain the same. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Chris Kurz will ask the Kinsmen about using the hall for a public forum and make a suggestion that a Kinsmen member may want to sit on the committee.

10)New Business - None.

11) Announcements – The next meeting was set for **Tues. Feb. 9th @ 7:00 p.m.** in council chambers. Sub-committee members will again be invited to attend.

It was moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Russ Danbrook THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Chairperson – **Paul Horn**

Date

Recording Secretary – **Kate Docker**

Date