

**NORTH PERTH MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX
COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009
7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, Committee Room**

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

- 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 Russ Danbrook, seconded by Dave Johnston THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

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- 3) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None declared.
- 4) Review & Adoption of May 20th minutes –

It was moved by Sherri Coombs, seconded by Terry Seiler THAT the May 20th 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) – None.
- 7) Funding Report – North Perth was successful in receiving nearly \$10 mil. in funding for some of its projects, but the application for a multi-purpose complex was unsuccessful. This committee was struck out of a need determined prior to any funding consideration and that need still exists. We have an aging facility and we still need to move forward regardless of funding, while maintaining hope that there may be more funding opportunities in the future.
- 8) Sub-Committee Reports – **Lloyd** – Met June 3 & 15, doing some fact-finding, reviewed the Goderich, Hanover, Elmira and Mt. Forest information. Trying to develop something from that. Will meet twice in July. Looking at possible partnership with YMCA. Motions from committee to be discussed later in the meeting.

Russ – Met May 13 & 27, visited Mt. Forest and Elmira and circulated report comparing 4 arenas (including New Hamburg and Stratford). Committee would like to visit more arenas that are 10 yrs old or more to see what they would do differently if they were building today.

Heather – Met May 19 & June 9. Looking into shortfall at existing 3 arenas of close to \$500,000 to see where we can encourage more income. Ventilated storage space has been identified as a need. Fee structures for rentals at other neighbouring facilities are being reviewed as well as contracts to include rentals in both a new facility and the Wallace arena. We know that adult programs make more money than kids programs. Ways to cut back operating

deficits need to be looked at. Steve will review this information with Heather as there are several factors that need to be taken into consideration.

Sherri – Met June 1. Developing committee strategy “Purpose & Scope’, process is next. The committee is questioning why everything has to go through the Multi-Purpose Complex Comm. as they may only meet once per month. It was pointed out that a consensus could be reached via email if needed.

It has been noted that the communities that were most successful in reaching big fundraising targets used professional help.

- 9) Moving Forward – There was discussion whether renaming the Committee would change public perception. It was agreed that the public needs to know we are still moving forward with a recreation complex. Paul would like to have a recommendation to Council for the 22nd. The 3 options that were originally presented to Council were reviewed. There was agreement that nothing has changed as far as our needs, but that we are not ready to define what is to be included in a complex. The community and Council will find a way to make it work. Budget and timeframe were discussed, and it was decided that a price will be arrived at once the components of a complex are narrowed down. As soon as we need to start spending money, we will go back to Council for approval. We have to be careful with putting a timeframe on the project.

It was moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Russ Danbrook THAT this Committee recommends to Council the Multi-Purpose Complex Committee be re-named the ‘North Perth Recreation Complex Committee’ and further that the North Perth Recreation Complex Committee and its four (4) sub-committees move forward with the planning of a new recreation complex.

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Sherri was asked to have a press release ready following Council passing of the above resolution.

- 10) Other Business – None.

- 11) New Business – Lloyd brought forward 3 motions from his sub-committee. One was for letterhead and a logo/slogan to be developed. The second was for Council to appoint additional members to the Funding/Fundraising Committee, and the third was for approval to proceed with a feasibility study. There was discussion regarding that no budget has been allocated at this point. Ed H. suggested that each sub-committee submit a realistic budget to take in their expected allocations until the end of the year so that Council can deal with one lump sum instead of the possibility of having individual requests turned down. These should be brought to this committee at the July 15th meeting. Paul will bring up under his report to Council that a budget request will follow at the July 20th meeting.

- 12) Announcements – The next meeting was set for Wed. July 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Lloyd Martin THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Chairperson – **Paul Horn**

Date

Recording Secretary – **Kate Docker**

Date