

**NORTH PERTH MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX
COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009
7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, Committee Room**

Attendance: Paul Horn, Dave Johnston, Russ Danbrook, Heather Horn, Lloyd Martin, Sherri Coombs, Steve Hardie, Fran Hale, Kate Docker

Guests: Matt Richardson, Andrew Smith from the Listowel Banner

Regrets: Ed Hollinger, John Verwey, Terry Seiler

- 1) Call to order – Chair Paul Horn called the meeting to order @ 7:05 p.m.
- 2) Additions to Agenda – Item #4.5 – Opening Comments, was added, and the chair asked if item #10 – Share Ideas, could be taken off the agenda at this time.

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

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- 3) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None declared.
- 4) Delegation(s) – None.

Opening Comments – Paul welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Multi-Purpose Complex Committee and expressed his appreciation for people volunteering their time to be a part of it. It was noted that these are public meetings and therefore anyone is welcome to attend. There is a lot of concern about what is going on with our facilities and Council wants to take a long term approach for the betterment of the community. No decisions have been made on the 3 facilities that are being discussed. This committee is to present 3 options to Council outlining the pros and cons of each to be considered, and indicating their preferred option. The 4 sub-committees will only be activated once Council makes a decision on how to proceed. Heather asked how we are to make a recommendation without having the costs of each option before us. Paul is confident that Steve has enough contacts that we should be able to determine a rough idea of the cost for each option.

There was discussion about the tight time frame we are working within.

There was concern about overlap of the 3 committees that could affect each other and noted that there could be some joint meetings if deemed necessary.

Heather asked what obligations the Municipality has to the OPP. Fran responded that as part of the policing contract, we need to provide them with office space and 2 civilian staff.

- 5) Review Recording Secretary's Responsibilities – A list of Kate's duties for the 3 committees was reviewed. Lloyd asked if the minutes could be circulated to the sub-committees by email to keep them informed of the process. It was the consensus of those present that this was a good idea. The chair of each sub-committee is to ensure Kate receives email addresses for their group.

- 6) Review Progress Schedule – Steve went over this 2 year process with the group and there were no questions.
- 7) Review Report Recommendations – Everyone was asked to make themselves familiar with the study and the recommendations included in it.
- 8) Review Consultants/Council Options – Steve reviewed the consultant's recommendations and Council's directive regarding the Listowel Arena.
- 9) Review Council Comments – Everyone received a copy of Council's comments regarding the Listowel Arena, Elma-Logan Rec. Complex and Wallace Community Centre. Paul made note that we are looking long range (50+ years if a new facility is built). It was mentioned at the kick-off meeting that the Wallace and Elma-Logan facilities were not on the table for discussion, but that doesn't mean that we won't be working with them when looking at long term solutions. Steve added that over the past 10 years, a lot of money has gone into the Wallace facility to bring it up to date. It should be in good shape for 10 – 20 years.
- 11) Committee to discuss and produce 3 options to investigate – The Committee agreed that the 3 options for Council to consider would be: pros & cons of renovating existing Listowel Arena; replace Listowel Arena only; and, explore other avenues such as building a multi-purpose complex. The 3rd option should look at partnerships that would help with operating costs, ways of increasing usage and efficiencies. The Committee will need to pick one option as their preference.
- 12) Other Business – Russ feels it is important to open up discussion to users to find out what they want and go from there to see if we can afford to provide it. This should be done early in the process. Lloyd added that we need to emphasize the multi-purpose aspect so as not to exclude anyone or any option. There was agreement that we could have user groups and service clubs attend a future meeting as a delegation as we can't put the 3rd option together without speaking to the users. There was discussion about involving a consultant to expedite the process once Council has prioritized what best suits the community. It was suggested that the Recreation Needs Study be updated as it might be helpful to have demographics to work with. There was discussion about how to invite interested parties to share their suggestions. Fran suggested a survey that could be completed by all parties. It was agreed that an ad be placed in the Banner and Independent for the next 2 weeks, a letter go out to current user groups and service clubs, and that the information be made available on the Municipal website. We will ask for written submissions with the option of attending either the Apr. 8th or 15th meetings as a delegation with a 10 minute time limit. The deadline for submissions will be Apr. 6th. Individuals can submit written comments at any time during this process but will not be allowed as a delegation at this time. Public meetings to be held at a later date will give them that opportunity. Paul cautioned that we don't want to spend too much time now as we have a tight timeline to meet and once Council has made a decision, we can go into more depth.
It was suggested that Paul could do an interview with Shelley Miller-Cameron to also get the word out that we are looking for public input. Sherri will work with Kate on the Banner/Independent ad.

Paul would like to have the 3 options to Council by the beginning of May.

13)New Business – There was no new business.

14) Announcements – The next meeting was set for Wed. Apr. 1st @ 7:00 p.m. to discuss the first 2 options, with meetings also set for Apr. 8th and 15th @ 7:00 p.m. to accept delegations based on submissions for Option 3. (Kate will check with RAC to see if their Apr. 8th meeting can be changed.)

It was moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Lloyd Martin THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Chairperson – **Paul Horn**

Date

Recording Secretary – **Kate Docker**

Date