

BURFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Burford Community Centre
Thursday, April 1, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy (7:10 p.m.), Councillors Hodge, Wheat and Chambers

Others: Councillors Powell and Simons; Ed Kolodziejski – Group Eight Engineering; Rob Lowes

Staff: Ballantyne, Wamsteeker, Holmes and Boyd

Councillor Hodge in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Burford Community Centre Building Committee agenda for April 1, 2010 be approved.

.Carried

MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Burford Community Centre Building Committee minutes of February 9, 2010 be approved.

.Carried

BURFORD LIONS CLUB REQUEST FOR A HANDICAP LIFT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ADDITION PROJECT

Mr. Kolodziejski presented draft drawings to construct a “limited use / limited access lift” at the front entrance. He reviewed the differences between a “chair lift” (which currently exists), a “limited use / limited access lift” (similar to those at the Syl Apps Community Centre, the South Dumfries Community Centre and the Community and Development Services Office) and an “elevator” (which can be operated by any member of the public and can accommodate more than one user at a time). Mr. Kolodziejski suggested that for new construction, an elevator is standard as it provides the greatest accessibility. For renovation projects, limited use / limited access lifts are typically installed since they provide dignified accessibility without the significant power, infrastructure and cost requirements of an elevator.

Mr. Kolodziejski reviewed that if the County approves adding a limited use / limited access lift to the scope of work, the general contractor would be requested to quote on a notice of change order provided by Group Eight Engineering. This quote would then be presented for Council's consideration. Council's decision would have to balance any additional cost resulting from the sole-sourcing of this work with the unknown additional cost of completing this as a small construction project afterwards.

In response to questions, Don Holmes, Burford Parks and Facilities Supervisor, noted that overall operating costs (inspections, maintenance, electricity, etc.) have not yet been estimated.

In response to questions, Clare Wamsteeker, Capital Property Manager, reviewed the overall project funding of \$3,030,181. Of this, 1/3 funding is from the Province (up to a maximum of \$1,000,000) and 1/3 funding is from the Federal government (up to a maximum of \$1,000,000). The general contractor's tender cost is \$2,633,800. Between anticipated soft costs (engineering fees, permits, studies, surveys, inspections, etc.) and change orders, it is not expected that there will be any additional funds to go towards the installation of the lift. Kathy Ballantyne, Parks and Facilities Manager, clarified that even if the project was under budget, Provincial / Federal funding would not be applicable towards a lift, as it was not part of the original scope of work. There is no provision in the funding agreement to request additional funds.

In response to questions, Mr. Wamsteeker reviewed that the chair lift at the Burford Community Centre was replaced two years ago and meets current legislated accessibility requirements. Further, the plans were accepted by the County of Brant Accessibility Advisory Committee.

In discussion, questions were raised regarding why this request is being considered now, when plans for the addition have been available to the public and ratepayers / community groups have had numerous opportunities to put forward comments / suggestions at one public meeting held specifically for this purpose as well as public Committee and Council meetings.

Correspondence from the Burford Lions Club, indicating that they missed the advertisement for the public meeting and were unaware that the plans were available for comment was distributed. The letter outlines concerns that the current chair lift is not well used because users are concerned about its safety and dignified use (being in open view). Further, the existing staircase is steep, narrow and does not meet current building code requirements. Councillor Chambers reviewed that at a meeting with the Lions Club, it was noted that they would consider, but cannot commit at this time, to making a contribution towards the project.

Discussion was held regarding potential costs to include a limited use / limited access lift, however it was noted that until the County has approved moving forward with the project and a quotation has been negotiated with the general contractor for Council's consideration, it would be inappropriate to put forth a cost estimate. It was cautioned that even if information came forward that another company could do the work for significantly less, careful consideration would have to be given as to whether that information included all the components of the building structure to accommodate the lift.

Mayor Eddy suggested that there may be Provincial / Federal funding sources that could be sought for this type of accessibility upgrade and it was agreed that if the project moves forward, this possibility would be investigated.

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the County of Brant request a quotation from the general contractor for the Burford Community Centre Addition (Lanca Construction) for the inclusion of a limited use / limited access lift as a notice of change order;

And that staff be directed to examine funding sources for this inclusion.

.Carried

Mr. Holmes suggested that if this project proceeds, consideration be given to preserving the chair lift equipment for use at another facility.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Secretary