

PUBLIC MEETING

BURFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ADDITION

Burford Community Centre
Upper Floor Hall
Thursday, October 15, 2009
7:10 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Hodge, Chambers, Simons, Atfield and Powell

Staff: Ballantyne, Wamsteeker, Holmes and Boyd

Others: David Thompson, Group Eight Engineering

Kevin Hodge in the Chair

PROJECT DESIGN, SCHEDULE AND COST

Mr. David Thompson, Group Eight Engineering, reviewed the schematic design proposed for the Burford Community Centre, including an addition of 6,500ft², improvements to the existing lobby, entrance and upper hall spaces and the replacement of the rink floor and refrigeration piping. Plans for the construction have been posted in the arena for the public's review. The following questions / comments arose from councillors and members of the public in attendance:

- In response to a question, Mr. Thompson advised that although there would be no increase to the size of the upper hall floor, some improvements are being recommended to meet Fire Code requirements and to improve the kitchen and washroom areas.
- A suggestion was made that a parking space near the new entrance be dedicated for O.P.P., in relation to the proposed Extended Services Office.
- A suggestion was made that the County of Brant Accessibility Advisory Committee be given an opportunity to comment on the plans. Clare Wamsteeker, Capital Property Manager agreed to follow-up on this matter.
- Concerns were raised regarding a north/west facing entrance and it was suggested that a wind barrier be considered. Mr. Thompson agreed to further investigate this matter.
- In response to a question, Don Holmes, Burford Facility Supervisor, noted that positive comments have been heard from the public's review of the plans and that the inclusion of a 1,000ft² community room in the addition was done at the suggestion of arena users.
- In response to questions, Mr. Thompson reviewed that low-maintenance building materials and amenities would be used wherever possible, noting that the wall between the upper floor hall and the rink will likely have to be drywall in order to meet Fire Code requirements while taking into consideration the load restrictions of the existing structure. Mr. Thompson further noted that it had yet to be determined how many windows could be incorporated in this wall to provide viewing of the rink while meeting Code separation requirements.
- Questions were raised regarding the proposed colour scheme for the addition and, in particular, the dressing rooms. Mr. Thompson reviewed that colour-coded dressing rooms are not proposed for this facility and that the colour selection process will be undertaken after a contractor has been selected. It was suggested that a standard colour scheme would allow "spare" materials to be stored that could be used in any area of the addition.

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- In response to questions regarding energy efficiency, Mr. Thompson reviewed that one initiative specific to this facility is the incorporation of a heat recovery system. Efficiencies have also been sought in specifications for insulation, glass, roof-top HVAC systems and lighting.
 - In response to a question, it was noted that no changes are proposed to the Burford Bulldogs' spaces.
 - In response to the suggestion of adjoining dressing rooms (for mixed sex teams, so they can come together for pre-game meetings, etc.). Mr. Thompson suggested that this would be difficult to incorporate without reducing the seating capacity of the dressing rooms.
 - In response to a question, Mr. Thompson advised that by replacing the boards on the rink surface rather than on a concrete ledge around the rink, the ice edges would be improved and the drop from the dressing areas and benches onto the ice would be reduced, making the surface more accessible.

NEXT STEPS

Chairman Kevin Hodge reviewed the proposed construction schedule as follows:

- Schematic Design to be presented to Council on October 20, 2009 for approval;
- Detailed design, prequalification and preparation of tender documents to end of 2009;
- Tenders to be called early January, 2010;
- Construction to begin March, 2010;
- Arena to re-open September, 2010.

There being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Secretary