

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Brant County Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street, Paris
Tuesday, September 23, 2008
7:26 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Powell and Hodge

Regrets: Councillor Haggart

Staff: Underwood, Wamsteeker and Lehmann

Councillor Wheat in the Chair.

SOUTH DUMFRIES COMMUNITY CENTRE SCHEMATIC DESIGN

Councillor Wheat reported that the \$58,000 currently included under "Estimated Cost" for the column removal is no longer being considered, as Committee is recommending that the column be kept, in an effort to avoid additional costs. The Director noted that under "Financial Considerations", there is a difference of \$81,260 between the estimate provided by staff and the estimate provided by Group 8 Engineering, with respect to the construction estimate and the soft cost estimate.

Councillor Wheat noted that the \$70,000 currently included under "Estimated Cost" for the upgrade of the kitchen to commercial standards is no longer being considered, as Committee is recommending that the upgrade not be added to the scope of this project. He further noted that the St. George Lions Club has expressed an interest in taking on the kitchen upgrade as a future fundraising project.

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

Whereas the South Dumfries Community Centre expansion project has completed the public meeting process;

And whereas the South Dumfries Community Centre Building Committee has approved the schematic design, as presented by Group Eight Engineering Ltd.;

Be it hereby resolved that Group Eight Engineering be authorized to proceed to the development of working drawings, project specifications and tender documents for the proposed addition to the South Dumfries Community Centre.

.Carried

ZAMBONI ® TRADE-IN

The Director reported that the recommendation contained in the staff report is in response to a request of the Syl Apps Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee for staff to investigate further the trade-in value for the Resurface ice machine.

The Director referred to the recommendation put forth by the Syl Apps Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee that the Syl Apps Arena be maintained as a reduced use practice facility for a third ice surface in the County of Brant from the time the new Twin Pad is open into the year 2013, and noted that if that recommendation is carried, there will be a need for the ice resurfacing machine. She noted that there is a 2004 model and a 2005 model ice resurfacing machine presently being utilized at other arenas and if an additional machine were to be needed at the Syl Apps Arena, it would be most prudent to utilize one of those machines, rather than the Resurface ice machine.

The Director asked that Committee be cognizant that the proposed trade in value is excellent and that the issue is very time-sensitive, as there are other perspective buyers waiting to purchase the machine.

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

Whereas the Syl Apps Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee had requested staff to investigate further the trade-in value for the current Resurface ice machine;

And whereas County of Brant Council, via 2008 budget deliberations, allocated \$70,000 toward the purchase of a replacement ice resurfacing machine for the Syl Apps Community Centre, to replace the existing 1995 Resurface machine currently in use;

And whereas the decision and future use of the Syl Apps Community Centre has not been determined by Council;

And whereas the Resurface ice machine has passed the recommended life span and there is significant value in the \$18,000.00 trade-in offer;

Be it hereby resolved the staff continue to proceed with the purchase of the Zamboni[®] ice resurface machine as previously presented to committee with the trade in of the existing 1995 Resurface ice machine.

.Carried

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the following consent items be received as information.

- a. South Dumfries Community Centre Building Committee meeting of September 11, 2008;
- b. Public Meeting Re: South Dumfries Community Centre Addition of September 4, 2008;
- c. Syl Apps Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee meeting of August 28, 2008;
- d. South Dumfries Community Centre Building Committee meeting of August 21, 2008;
- e. Syl Apps Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee meeting of June 23, 2008

.Carried

Mayor Eddy noted that if the Syl Apps Community Centre is maintained as a reduced use practice facility from the time that the new Twin Pad Arena is operational and into the year 2013, it would not be the “third ice surface in the County of Brant” as is noted in the report from the Syl Apps Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee, but rather it would be the third ice surface in Paris and the fifth ice surface in the County.

Councillor Schmitt noted that Committee and Council need to see an estimated costing of the Syl Apps Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation. He suggested that once the Twin Pad Arena is near completion, it is known when precisely it will be operational and a review of ice rentals, etc. has been conducted, that may be a better time to look at the possibility of adding a fifth ice surface to the County.

Councillor Wheat indicated that one of the reasons for building the Twin Pad Arena is to replace the ice surface at the Syl Apps Community Centre and to provide an additional ice surface to the County.

Councillor Powell, Chair of the Syl Apps Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee, noted that the Committee has reviewed ten to twelve possible future uses for the Syl Apps Community Centre and has committed to preparing cost estimates for submission at 2009 budget review.

Moved by - Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the report to the Parks and Recreation Committee received from the Syl Apps Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee from their meeting of August 28, 2008, be received as information.

.Carried

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING

The Parks and Recreation Committee adjourned at 7:40 p.m., on a motion of Councillors Schmitt and Hodge, to meet again on October 28, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Paris.