

SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

County Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 26, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Atfield, Wheat, Haggart and Powell

Regrets: Councillor Hodge

Others: Councillor Simons

Staff: Glassford, Ballantyne and Boyd

Vice-Chair Atfield in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Wheat

Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the Parks and Recreation agenda for January 26, 2010 be approved.

.Carried

PRC-10-01 – PARIS LAWN BOWLING CLUB DAMAGES

It was suggested that as the work plan to repair damages is being finalized, staff review any needed upgrades that could be tied in at a reasonable cost, especially those that might make the facility available for a wider range of uses. Staff will review this matter and report on any cost implications.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat

Seconded by – Councillor Powell

Whereas the Paris Lawn Bowling Club, located at 169 Grand River Street North, Paris, sustained water damage due to a burst water pipe between January 1, 2010 and January 4, 2010;

Be it hereby resolved that staff be authorized to receive quotations and select a contractor to complete the necessary repairs to the Paris Lawn Bowling Club to ensure the facility is ready for operation when the lawn bowling season commences in the spring.

.Carried

PRC-10-02 – LIONS PARK MASTER PLAN

In discussion, it was clarified that the Master Plan is a visioning document, subject to modification in scope and objectives as funding availability and community priorities change. In response to a question regarding public input, Kathy Ballantyne, Parks and Facilities Manager, reported that an additional public information session to present the updated plan is scheduled for February 20, 2010. She noted that Paris Youth Softball has representation on the Master Plan Committee and endorses the revised plan. In discussion it was suggested that the recommendation be amended to approve the plan “as dated January 26, 2010” to reflect that this is a living document, subject to change.

In response to questions regarding financing of the works, Ms. Ballantyne reviewed that funding for the park would be from a variety of sources including the municipality, Paris Lions Club, community fundraising, partnerships and funding / grant programs. She advised that \$45,000 is proposed in the 2010 Capital budget and an additional \$200,000 has been identified for 2012. It is intended that components of the work plan would move forward as funding is available. Councillor Haggart suggested that the Lions Club be offered a lease of the park to facilitate funding applications and fundraising separate from the municipality.

Ms. Ballantyne presented the Paris Lions Park Master Plan. In response to concerns that portions of the park could be unusable for an extended period if works proceed before funds are available to complete a component in its entirety, Ms. Ballantyne advised that further information on work plan scheduling would be forthcoming.

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

Whereas the Lions Park Steering Committee has put together a master plan for Paris Lions Park;

And Whereas a public meeting was held to gather community input;

And Whereas suggestions received at the public meeting have been incorporated into the master plan;

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant approve the final concept drawing for Paris Lions Park, as dated January 26, 2010, and support the implementation of improvements to the park as guided by the Lions Park Master Plan Steering Committee.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That Parks and Recreation staff enter into negotiations with the Paris Lions Club with respect to a lease agreement for Paris Lions Park.

.Carried

REQUEST FROM BURFORD LIONS CLUB FOR ASSISTANCE WITH COSTS FOR ANNUAL FISH FRY AND ELIMINATION DRAW

It was suggested that although the Committee could not support the level of funding requested, the Burford Lions Club be encouraged to partner with one of the other Lions Clubs in the County or relocate to another County facility for their 2010 event.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Haggart

That correspondence from the Burford Lions Club requesting assistance with the costs of their Annual Fish Fry and Elimination Draw be received as information;

And that a letter be forwarded to the Burford Lions Club suggesting that they consider partnering with another organization or relocating the event to another County facility for 2010.

.Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Secretary