

SYL APPS COMMUNITY CENTRE REPOSITIONING AD HOC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Syl Apps Arena and Community Centre
51 William Street, Paris
Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Haggart, Simons, and Powell

Staff: Leask, Ayers and Sinning

Regrets: Mayor Eddy, Councillor Atfield

Councillor Powell in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Simons
Seconded by – Councillor Haggart

That the agenda for the Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee meeting of October 8, 2008, be approved.

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Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the minutes of the Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee meeting of August 28, 2008, be approved.

.Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr. Darin Ayres, Facilities & Parks Manager, Syl Apps Community Centre & Paris Area Parks took the committee on a tour of the Syl Apps facility.

Mr. Ayres reviewed his report, PR-80-50 – Cost Comparison for Future Uses of the Syl Apps Community Centre. He reported that he contacted the Paris Soccer Club and the Mudhogs Roller Hockey League. Mr. Ayres provided a cost comparison based on these two sports' clubs for use of the building.

There was some discussion on the possibility of converting the ice surface to another use similar to Rim Park in Kitchener. Councillor Haggart thought a covering for the ice surface could be put in relatively quickly to change from ice to a multi-use surface. Bill Leask, Parks & Recreation Manager said that it would depend on the type of refrigeration used to make the ice and questioned whether it would be possible with the current equipment.

Councillor Haggart stated that the new section of the building was in good shape. If 8 to 10 feet of the old part was removed from the William Street side and a new roof put on increasing the height up to 100 feet, it would control the heat and cold and make the building viable for many other considerations.

Both Councillor Haggart and Simons wanted to explore other community user groups for interest in the potential of a community/field house facility. It was noted from the Twin Pad open house that there were many comments being made about the need for a community center and for a multi-use facility to provide for other sports.

Committee felt there needed to be more information; it was suggested that a study should be undertaken to determine what the community needs are for the facility. Once that was known, it would help establish what vision the design for the building would take.

Councillor Haggart asked if some of the 2009 Budget funds being set aside for repairs to the ice could be put toward a feasibility study to help determine what the uses could be. Keeping in mind that whatever uses are indicated they need to be viable financially.

The question also arose about what would be happening at the Twin Pad arena. Whatever is decided on there in regard to a community room will affect decisions on Syl Apps. Committee did feel Syl Apps may be better suited to the field house even if the Twin Pad incorporated a community room.

Committee felt that renovating the existing Syl Apps building may be more cost effective than constructing a new facility along with the Twin Pad.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ayes was asked to review his budget figures to determine if there could be funds to support a feasibility study with relation to the cost of a retro fit to a multi-purpose field house.

Councillor Haggart questioned the reporting process for the Syl Apps Reposition Ad Hoc Committee and would like it reconfirmed who Council said the committee should report to. He would like this issue revisited with the Director of Community Services.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 9:07 p.m., to meet again in January. Date to be determined once 2009 calendar has been established for Council.

Secretary