

SYL APPS COMMUNITY CENTRE REPOSITIONING AD HOC COMMITTEE

Lower Meeting Room
Paris Office, 66 Grand River Street North
Thursday, January 15, 2009
6:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Simmons, Powell and Atfield (6:40 p.m.)

Regrets: Councillor Haggart and Joe Stone.

Others: Bill Williams (6:25 p.m.)

Staff: Urbanski, Underwood and Carman

Councillor Powell in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was agreed that the agenda for the Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee meeting of January 15, 2009 would be approved, with an addition of an item to reconsider the name of the Committee.

MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Simons
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the minutes of the Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee meeting of October 8, 2008 be approved as circulated.

. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Kathryn Underwood advised that staff is currently working on reports requested by the Committee. These reports will be available for the next meeting.

SYL APPS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Syl Apps Community Centre Ice Surface

The Director provided a brief overview of a report dated January 15, 2009 regarding the need to decommission the Syl Apps Arena ice surface once the Twin Pad is operational. The need for one additional ice surface has been documented in the Recreation Master Plan, which will be accomplished with the two new ice surfaces at the Twin Pad Complex and the closure of the Syl Apps Arena ice surface. This will also solidify the County's application for Building Canada funding for the Twin Pad Complex.

In response to a question, the Director advised that a previous recommendation from the Syl Apps Repositioning Committee to continue operation of the Syl Apps Arena ice surface was considered and received as information by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Identification of Future uses of the Syl Apps Community Centre and Commemorative Hall

The Director advised that SAM has removed the \$50,000 capital budget amount for a feasibility study for the Syl Apps Community Centre and Commemorative Hall from the 2009 budget. It is proposed that this amount be included in the 2010 capital budget, as the Syl Apps arena ice surface will be operating until the Spring of 2010. This will allow for the study to be undertaken in the early months of 2010 while the building is still in use. The Committee expressed concern that the original \$50,000 identified for this project had been reallocated from the Syl Apps Community Centre upgrades project, which results in two projects not going forward in 2009. The feasibility project will still be subject to review as part of the 2010 capital budget.

Update re: Community Hall at the Twin Pad Complex

The Director presented a plan for the Community Hall at the Twin Pad Complex which will accommodate a maximum of 200 people. This Community Hall will support uses for groups using the Twin Pad Complex for sports functions, meetings, etc. However, it will not be able to accommodate some of the functions currently taking place at the Syl Apps Community Centre and Commemorative Hall because of limited space/lack of storage space and special features (e.g. floating floor).

Syl Apps Community Centre Ice Surface

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

Whereas the ice surface at the Syl Apps Arena is no longer capable of meeting the ice surface needs of the community;

And whereas it is anticipated that the new Twin Pad Arena Complex will commence operation in the Fall of 2010;

And whereas the new Twin Pad Arena Complex will include two ice surfaces capable of fulfilling:

- i. the ice surface required to replace that as is currently utilized at the Syl Apps Arena;
- ii. the ice surface needs of the County of Brant as a whole;

Be it hereby resolved that upon completion of construction and commencement of operation of the Twin Pad Arena Complex, the Syl Apps Arena ice surface be decommissioned as an ice surface;

And that all current Syl Apps Arena ice surface users be transferred to the Twin Pad Arena Complex.

. Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee be renamed “Syl Apps Ad Hoc Committee”.

. Carried

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paris Office.

Secretary