

SYL APPS COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Paris Customer Service Office
Downstairs Meeting Room
7 Broadway Street West, Paris
Monday, September 14, 2009
3:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Simons and Atfield

Staff: Ballantyne, Atkinson, Ayers and Sinning

Other: Clem Pelot, Clem Pelot Consulting

Regrets: Councillor Haggart

Councillor Powell in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Simons
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That the agenda for the Syl Apps Community Center Committee meeting of September 14, 2009 be approved.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the Minutes of the Syl Apps Community Center Committee meeting of March 25, 2009 be approved.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Simons asked if there were any further developments on the structural report. Ms. Ballantyne recommended that we move forward with a new report. It would offer an opinion on the building as a whole. This would be very beneficial in determining what specific uses may be feasible.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Clem Pelot presented the findings of the Aquatic Survey in relation to the Syl Apps Arena. Questions relating to the arena were included as part of the Aquatic Survey

distributed to selected residences throughout the County. Mr. Pelot told the group that it made sense to include these questions with the Aquatic Survey. As the survey received a 44.7 percent response rate, it is proven to be statically reliable. Most responses to the survey were from Paris and Mr. Pelot indicated there could be numerous reasons for that.

While the highest percentage of responses was received from Paris residents, all results are weighted by the population distribution across the County.

Councillor Simons told the group she had been approached by a soccer representative looking to lease an indoor facility. The discussion centered on the suitability of Syl Apps for such a facility. It was also suggested that basketball would be a good use of the facility. The soccer rep will be available to come to committee with a formal request.

Mr. Pelot reviewed the questions pertaining to Syl Apps. When asked what people would like to see the arena used for, the number one response was a pool. Councillor Powell said that it wasn't surprising as a higher percentage of people swim as opposed to any other activity such as soccer. However, soccer could possibly generate a higher income to ensure the facility would be more self sufficient.

Other interests which have been expressed in the facility included roller hockey which could use it throughout the summer or dog show groups and clubs.

A question arose whether there was any potential funding from other areas of government. Ms. Ballantyne said that current funding programs were for larger scale projects: ten million dollar plus, which could include an indoor pool.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Aquatic Survey presentation was set for that evening of Monday, September 14th and there was discussion around the presentation as a whole and what the recommendations of the survey would be.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4:26 p.m., to potentially meet again the second or third week of October 2009. It was noted that an evening meeting would be more suitable for Councillor Haggart.

Secretary