

SYL APPS COMMUNITY CENTRE REPOSITIONING AD HOC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Paris Customer Service Office
Downstairs Meeting Room
7 Broadway Street West, Paris
Monday June 23, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Atfield, Powell and Simons
Mr. Joe Stone

Staff: Leask, Ayres, Atkinson and Lehmann

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Councillor Powell be elected as Chair of the Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the agenda for the Syl Apps Community Centre Repositioning Ad Hoc Committee meeting of June 23, 2008, be approved, with additions.

.Carried

FUTURE OF SYL APPS COMMUNITY CENTRE – DISCUSSION

Mr. Bill Leask, Manager of Parks and Recreation briefly reviewed Staff Report PR-08-20 “Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference for the Repositioning of the Syl Apps Community Centre”, as received as information at the April 22, 2008 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

In response to questions regarding the roof of the Syl Apps Community Centre, Mr. Darin Ayres, Manager of Facilities and Parks - Syl Apps Community Centre / Paris Parks, advised that the cost of installing a reflective low-emissive ceiling is approximately \$40,000 - \$50,000 and that with the proposed construction of the Twin Pad Arena, the project has not historically been at the forefront of budget considerations. The Manager of Parks and Recreation reported that in the past, Mike Hogan had expressed concern that the location of the sprinkler heads in the ceiling would cause extensive heat build up between the reflective low-emissive material and the top of the roof.

The Manager of Facilities and Parks advised that when the building was initially constructed, it was for the provision of a natural ice surface.

Committee reviewed a discussion memo prepared by Councillor Haggart, as follows:

- Tour of Facility

Committee agreed that a tour of the facility would be beneficial and agreed to organize same at a later date.

- Projection of Costs to Maintain Building (as something other than an arena) and Structural Regulations

In response to questions, the Manager of Facilities and Parks advised that he would prepare a report to be presented at the next Committee meeting dealing with the projected maintenance costs of maintaining the Syl Apps Community Centre as something other than an arena, inclusive of information regarding structural regulations.

In response to questions, the Manager of Facilities and Parks reported that there are two HVAC units in the hall, one heating vent unit in the lobby and one heating vent unit in the dressing room.

- Management and Staff Considerations

The Manager of Facilities and Parks requested that management and staffing considerations be deferred until a decision has been made with respect to how the facility will be utilized.

- Critical Existing Maintenance Issues

The Manager of Facilities and Parks reported that the five year budget forecast includes the re-shingling of the roof as well as dasher board repairs. He further reported that there is renovation funding included in the proposed 2009 capital budget. With respect to the roof, the Manager of Facilities and Parks reported that the most recent status report provided for five more years before re-inspection of the roof would be required.

In response to questions regarding the cost of utilities, the Manager of Facilities and Parks reported that the cost to run the facility's heat, hydro and gas for the 2007 operating season was approximately \$82,000.

- Winter Operation

The Facilities and Parks Manager reported that unless the building is operated as a natural ice surface, the building is far too cold and energy inefficient to operate during the winter season.

- Potential Income Revenues

The Parks and Facilities Manager reported that potential income revenue would depend upon what the building is utilized for.

- Public Input and Feedback

Mayor Eddy suggested that an ad be placed in the Paris Star requesting written submissions from the Public with respect to ideas for future use of the facility. In response to questions, Committee concurred that the ad would include requests for building use suggestions, not land use suggestions.

Councillor Simons suggested that following receipt of the public submissions, a public meeting be organized. Councillor Powell advised that he would contact Cate Breugh of the Paris Star to request that she prepare a story featuring the Syl Apps Community Centre and requesting the written suggestions and input from the public.

Mayor Eddy left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The Recreation Program Manager suggested that the skateboard park could be relocated into the arena on the pad under the ice surface.

- Additions to the Main Structure

Committee discussed the possibility of constructing an addition to the main structure. The Manager of Facilities and Parks advised that additions to the main structure are likely possible and that he would request confirmation of same from Mike Hogan.

- Copies of Plans – Hall and Dressing Rooms

The Manager of Facilities and Parks advised that he would obtain copies of the plans from Mike Hogan.

In response to questions, the Manager of Parks and Recreation advised that he would liaise with Legal staff to obtain contact information for a commercial real estate agent. Committee directed the Manager of Parks and Recreation to obtain two valuations, one inclusive of the lands currently promised to the Brant Cultural Centre and one exclusive of those lands. Committee further directed that the Manager obtain information with respect to the current zoning of the lands.

CORRESPONDENCE

Committee reviewed a memo prepared by the Manager of Facilities and Parks detailing the regular rental groups in the Commemorative Hall, as well as a copy of the monthly hall rental schedule for 2007. The Manager of Facilities and Parks reported that 2007 was an exceptionally busy year in terms of hall rentals and that approximately \$20,000 in revenue was realized.

He further reported that there is separate rental revenue income collected from rink surface (non-ice) rentals and advised that approximately \$5,000 - \$8,000 was realized during the 2007 summer season. In response to questions, he advised that the combination of attractive rental rates and the fact that there are only two halls in Paris that are available for rental may account for the significant usage.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Eddy directed staff to obtain information with respect to other arenas that have been converted for alternate uses.

Mayor Eddy directed staff to obtain a copy of the latest structural engineer's report.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee agreed to meet in Paris at 7:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 10:15 a.m. to meet again on Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paris Customer Service Office, downstairs meeting room.

Secretary