



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Queen's Park Boardroom

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair, City Council Member
Shawna Barkley	- Community Member
Brynn Bourke	- Community Member
John Davies	- Community Member
Michael Folka	- Community Member
Ted Garbutt	- Community Member (arrived at 6:19 p.m.)
Andrew Hull	- Community Member
Vince Kreiser	- Community Member
Michel Roy	- Community Member

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Casey Cook	- School Board Representative
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GUESTS:

Paul Fast	- HCMA Architecture & Design
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STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Perry	- Manager of Community Development
Lauren Blake	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 27, 2016

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the April 27, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Royal City Tennis Society Tennis Bubble Proposal

Dimitri Penchev, Global Tennis Academy, summarized the conceptual proposal that was received from the Royal City Tennis Society (RCTS).

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Penchev provided the following information:

- The majority of revenue received by the RCTS would come from programs and would be directed towards coaches fees and maintenance;
- It is anticipated that the four courts that have been requested would be adequate for the proposal;
- RCTS is a new tennis society that currently does not have a permanent headquarters;
- It was suggested that court bookings could cost approximately between \$12 and \$14;
- Other racquet based sports, such as Pickleball, could be played on the courts;
- The air structure does not create exterior noise;
- A cost to the City for its responsibilities as part of the proposal has not yet been determined;
- Annual membership fees would be required in order for the public to use the courts;
- Deflating and re-inflating the air structure is costly and can cause damage;
- Air structures are generally operational for 25 and 30 years;
- The clubhouse would be wheelchair accessible; and,
- The clubhouse could be relocated if required.

In addition, Diane Perry, Manager of Community Development, provided the following information:

- A percentage of the funds received by RCTS to provide lessons would be returned to the City;
- The City's long term capital plan includes upgrading several tennis courts;
- The proposed courts are located on a reservoir that has been filled in and is structurally sound;
- Drop-in tennis sessions at this location could be included as part of the City's recreation pass;
- The City would advertise the tennis programs, and register participants while the RCTS would operate the programs;
- The RCTS could operate the air structure and provide programs to the community. When the courts are not being utilized for programs, court time would be rented to the public;
- Should the RCTS cease to operate, the courts would remain the property of the City; and,
- The City has received requests for several tennis courts to be upgraded and court lighting to be provided .

Discussion ensued, and the Committee expressed support for further investigation of the proposal, noting that the City's tennis courts require the upgrading as requested as part of the proposal, and that there is not yearlong access to tennis currently offered in the city. While the Committee expressed interested in investigating the proposal, the following concerns were noted:

- Concerns were expressed regarding a lack of consultation from the community or school district outlined in the proposal;
- Implications on staffing levels should be considered;
- It was questioned how the proposal could blend with existing programming;
- There should be a balance of programming and general use of the court; and,
- The proposal could address issues such as which entity would have decision making abilities for the courts, and the balance of elite tennis training and general recreation.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee support the proposal in principle.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Canada Games Pool / Centennial Community Centre Renewal Project

Paul Fast, HCMA Architecture & Design, provided an on-table PowerPoint presentation summarizing the results of a survey regarding the Canada Games Pool (CGP) and Centennial Community Centre renewal project.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Fast and Diane Perry, Manager of Community Development, provided the following information:

- A final budget would be dependent on the outcome of public consultation, the preferred design options and the success in applying for grants, as well as determining if Centennial Community Centre would be included as part of the renewal project;
- The Hyack Swim Club, as well as a synchronization swimming group, water polo teams and a dive club were invited to participate in the consultation process;
- While Council reviewed many different potential locations for a new pool, it was determined that the pool will remain on the current site; however, it has not been determined where on the site the pool will be located; and,
- It is anticipated that public consultation will be completed in four to six weeks.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted the following comments:

- The current configuration of the fitness area facing the pool is desirable;
- The new CGP design could benefit from additional natural light;
- Some issues that were noted during the survey could be addressed through programming, such as implementing an intergenerational swim; and,
- It was suggested that the length of swim lanes may not have been discussed during consultation as the public may be used to their presence.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Centennial Community Centre

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 8:19 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair

Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk