

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

SESSION FOUR

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

The Fourth Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, April 4, 2016, in the Municipal Administration Building Council Chamber.

Members present:	Mayor:	John Grant
	Regional Councillor:	W.E. Ted Smith
	Councillors:	Gord Lodwick
		Mike Parliament
		Therese Miller
		Lynn Campbell
Members absent:	Councillor:	Randy Skinner (Leave of Absence)
Staff Members present:	CAO & Municipal Clerk Thomas G. Gettinby (recording the minutes)	
	Deputy Clerk Becky Jamieson	
	Clerk's Assistant Deena Hunt	
	Director of Public Works Nick Colucci	
	Treasurer Laura Barta	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Parliament called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – N I L

III. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – N I L

IV. COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED OR SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE

- 308 Sunderland Lions Club – Sunderland Arena
- 492 Beaverton Agricultural Society – Beaverton Arena
- 523 Durham Farm and Rural Family Resources – Cannington Arena
- 552 Brock Arena Repurposing Feasibility Committee – Minutes – March 22, 2016

Resolution No. 1-4

MOVED BY W.E. Ted Smith that communication nos. 308, 492, 523, and 552 be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 2-4

MOVED BY Gord Lodwick

WHEREAS the Parks & Recreation Committee appointed the Brock Arena Repurposing Feasibility Committee to examine the possibility of repurposing one of the arena facilities for non-ice recreational uses;

AND WHEREAS the Brock Arena Repurposing Feasibility Committee has recommended that ice be continued in all 3 facilities with a recommendation that cost savings be explored such as energy savings through staggered ice installation and that further sharing of the financial cost with current user groups be explored, and in response to the survey results, repurposing options be considered for the non-winter seasons within the Cannington facility;

NOW THEREFORE the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends the following to Council:

1. That ice surfaces be provided in all three facilities located in Beaverton, Sunderland, and Cannington.
2. That cost savings be explored such as energy savings through staggered ice installation and removal among others.
3. That further sharing of the financial costs with current user groups be explored.
4. That repurposing options be considered for the non-ice seasons within the Cannington facility.

Councillor Lodwick advised that the recommendations reflect the Committee and that the survey input was valuable. He advised that this should assist with cost concerns and permit staff to facilitate repurposed programs. He advised that the Cannington Arena was chosen for its central location within the Township.

Councillor Miller advised that the survey results revealed 47% felt ice surfaces in 3 arenas is not required, 39% felt ice is required in all 3 arenas, and 14% were undecided. She advised that 796 residents responded to the survey which represents only 7% of the population and enquired if all respondents were Brock residents to which the Deputy Clerk advised that the majority were, with only 35 outside Brock. Councillor Miller advised that the public has had their opportunity to make a comment and that she is in support of the motion. She suggested that staff monitor the use of the facilities and type of sport uses and that Sport Tourism is the fastest growing segment of the Tourism Industry worth over 5 billion dollars. She further advised that this will provide the opportunity to invite different sport user groups to Brock.

Regional Councillor Smith enquired if staggering ice times will provide a significant energy savings to which the Director of Public Works advised that this practice has commenced and it provides a lower staffing cost. He advised that savings on utilities may be offset by the cost to support repurposing and that staggered ice removal has not been analyzed due to current user groups requirements.

Regional Councillor Smith advised that user groups will not likely welcome increased fees or early closure.

Councillor Lodwick commented that the intention is not to financially burden the user groups but that they are able to fundraise.

Regional Councillor Smith enquired if the intention is to have staff organize the repurposed programs to which the CAO & Municipal Clerk advised that the role of staff is to facilitate use with the groups.

Regional Councillor Smith enquired if this opportunity has always been available for the summer season and was advised in the affirmative.

Councillor Lodwick advised that the intention is to address the survey results and to encourage people to use the facilities.

Regional Councillor Smith advised that he had hoped to make a decision today that did not include 'status quo' as this will continue to cost the Township. He advised that significant funds are spent on these facilities and delaying a decision will create further pressures in the future and further, that he does not support the motion.

Councillor Lynn Campbell commented that, although 47% of respondents agreed to repurposing, they might not agree with the chosen arena. She commented that this is not really repurposing but offering more options and that roller disco could continue in all 3 arenas.

The Director of Public Works advised that efforts will be made to market and facilitate non-ice uses and that equipment acquisition (nets, etc.) would be necessary.

Councillor Lodwick suggested that this is an attempt to generate revenue and will provide an opportunity to gather more data from more user groups prior to any permanent repurposing.

Councillor Miller enquired as to reviewing this next year to which Councillor Lodwick commented that creating a community centre hub is the intent and continuous improvement should always be considered through the strategic plan.

Mayor Grant expressed disappointment with the recommendations and the resolution adding that all users could be accommodated on 2 ice surfaces and believes the Committee is in agreement. He suggested that no one wants to lose an ice surface and that there is too much ice for the Township population. He advised that, given that there are only 6 members present today, a full Committee of Council should be required to reduce the number of ice surfaces and the only choice available is the one on the table. He advised that if the motion passes, funds will be required for the soft repurpose of the Cannington Arena to encourage user groups. He expressed thanks to the Committee for their efforts and will reluctantly support the motion.

Regional Councillor Smith advised that he understands the Mayor's position and believes this issue will be revisited a year from now. He advised that two terms ago a consultant was hired to create a Physical Activity Plan/Network in an effort to encourage residents to utilize the facilities and the facilities have been actively promoted since. He commented that he was hoping for a stronger resolution for this issue.

Chair/Councillor Parliament enquired if other repurposed activities will need to co-exist with summer ball hockey to which the Director of Public Works advised that it will be similar to the present ice scheduling.

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MOTION CARRIED

V. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES – N I L

VI. GENERAL ITEMS & ENQUIRIES

- (1) 590 Sunderland Lions - Scrap Metal Day – April 16, 2016

Resolution No. 3-4

MOVED BY Lynn Campbell that permission be granted for the Sunderland Lions Club to use the parking lot on April 16 for scrap metal day.

Councillor Campbell advised that this would be at the arena parking lot.

MOTION CARRIED

- (2) Councillor Gord Lodwick

Resolution No. 4-4

MOVED BY Gord Lodwick that staff report to Committee on a budget for repurposing equipment in the Cannington Arena.

MOTION CARRIED

- (3) Councillor Lynn Campbell

Councillor Campbell advised that the Sunderland Lions Club is renewing their fundraising commitment for upgrades to the Sunderland Arena.

Resolution No. 5-4

MOVED BY Lynn Campbell that Don Gordon and other Sunderland Lions be invited to a future Council or Parks & Recreation Committee meeting to discuss their ideas for upgrading the Sunderland arena. Re: communication no. 308.

MOTION CARRIED

- (4) Mayor John Grant

Mayor Grant advised that the Brock Sports Hall of Fame will be held on April 16 at the Cannington Arena at 9:00 a.m.

- (5) Regional Councillor W. E. Ted Smith

Regional Councillor Smith commented that people need to use the facilities or lose them.

(6) Public Questions and Clarification

Ms. Cindy Schaffer, 226 Cedar Street, Beaverton – enquired as to the reasoning to purchase more arena equipment for groups who may use it sporadically to which the CAO & Municipal Clerk advised that there has been no commitment to purchase and that staff require Council’s approval.

Ms. Schaffer enquired if purchased equipment for Cannington will be available to the other arenas and was advised not, as the resolution’s intent is to focus on the Cannington arena.

Mr. George Ranich, 572 Highland Crescent, Beaverton – advised that, as a parent and grandparent of hockey players, he travels 15 miles south for these events. He commented that indoor lacrosse is a popular sport and that Rotary Place in Orillia houses 2 ice pads, rock climbing, a bar, and is run by only 3 individuals. He enquired why people turned away from Port Perry and Uxbridge are not utilizing our available ice surfaces and is aware that some hockey teams travel through Brock to play within the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Ms. Olga Kuzmich, C1535 Concession 14, Cannington – expressed appreciation to Ms. Schaffer and Mr. Ranich for their observations.

Mr. Mike Oke, Durham Road 10, Sunderland – commented that he does not support the motion put forward and understands that no one wants to lose an ice surface, but a review of the ice schedule indicates that only 2 surfaces are required and that this is a burden on the Township. He commented that energy rates are increasing which would void any savings. He advised that he participates in hockey and confirms that minor hockey cannot pay higher fees and that they already fundraise to offset the cost. He commented that facilities such as the Rotary Place in Orillia are attractive and that our facilities are not of the same standard.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 6-4

MOVED BY W.E. Ted Smith that we do now adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY