

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1024 HURLWOOD LANE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010 AT 7:00 A.M.

PRESENT:	Acting Chair	Phil Sled
	Members	Douglas Beach Judith Cox Frank Coyle Ian Crichton Mark Taylor
ABSENT:	Member	Karen Marriott
STAFF:	Director of Public Works	Clayton Cameron
	Deputy Clerk	Sharon Goerke
	Chief Administrative Officer	Eric Peterson
	Director of Corporate Services	Henry Sander

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Sled called the meeting to order.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

- "NIL"

DELEGATIONS

- "NIL"

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS (*for information*)

Director of Public Works with respect to Recreation within the Township of Severn (**Appendix "1"**).

Those in attendance were invited to provide comments to the Committee on recreation within the Township of Severn (see attached notes).

MOTION CSC061610-01: *Moved by Member Crichton and seconded by Member Beach that comments received with respect to recreation facilities and activities within the Township of Severn be referred to staff for a report on the proposed Terms of Reference for a Culture & Recreation Committee.*

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS (*for direction*)

Planning and Development

- "NIL"

Recreation and Facilities

- "NIL"

Public Works

- "NIL"

Fire and Emergency Services

- "NIL"

Corporate Services

- "NIL"

Administration

- "NIL"

CORRESPONDENCE (*for information*)

- "NIL"

CORRESPONDENCE (*for direction*)

- "NIL"

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- "NIL"

CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

Reports from Officials

- "NIL"

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Correspondence

- "NIL"

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

MOTION CSC061610-02:

Moved by Member Cox and seconded by Member Coyle that this meeting be and it is hereby now adjourned.

CARRIED

Adjournment – 8:06 p.m.

Phil Sled
Acting Chair

Sharon R. Goerke
Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – RECREATION FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES

Acting Chair Sled welcomed all those in attendance and advised that members of Severn Township Council have scheduled a public meeting as recommended in the Recreation Master Plan to consider the reinstatement of a Recreation Advisory Committee to assist with the operation of the Arena, Community Centres, Municipal Parkland and the Uthoff Trail.

The Acting Chair invited those in attendance to introduce themselves and the organization/interest they were representing.

The Acting Chair advised that Members of the Corporate Services Committee were here to observe and listen to comments on the recreational needs of our municipality. This is an information gathering meeting only and your attendance to participate in this forum is appreciated.

The format of the public meeting is as follows:

- 1. The Director of Public Works will generally explain the recreation facilities, parkland and recreation trail now available to the residents;*
- 2. Next, the public will be permitted to ask questions and express views on recreation and then the public portion of the meeting will be closed; and*
- 3. Next, members of the Committee will be given the opportunity to comment or ask questions on recreational matters.*

During the course of the meeting, staff will also be given the opportunity to respond to the questions and comments received, if required.

After this public meeting is concluded, this Committee will consider the comments received for future discussions.

Director of Public Works Presentation

*The Acting Chair requested Clayton Cameron, the Township's Director of Public Works to provide an overview of the recreation facilities within the Township (**Appendix "1"**).*

Public Comments

The Acting Chair inquired if there were any persons present who have either questions or comments on recreation within our municipality?

Jane Dunlop, resident of 4 Dunlop Drive, addressed the Committee and inquired as to the status of acquisition of the CN Rail through Coldwater and who will be developing this portion of the trail. Ms. Dunlop also advised that a Recreation Advisory Committee is a good idea as all groups will have input into the future of recreation.

- It is anticipated that the Township will have ownership of this portion of the trail by July 30, 2010. There are some minor details to work out with CN prior to closing.
- The Recreation Committee or the Uthoff Trail Committee could be involved in the future development of this portion of the trail.

John Britton, representative of the Orillia Snowmobile Club, inquired if this new portion would be available to the snowmobile club and if improvements are required.

- There are considerable improvements required before this portion will be accessible to the public.
- It may take up to one year to complete the improvements, but Council could consider extending the use of this portion for the snowmobile club.

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Mrs. Medore, representative of the Baxter/Severn ATV Trail Riders, inquired if the new portion would be available for the ATV Groups.

- The main function of this portion of the trail is to extend the Trans Canada Trail to Waubaushene.
- It is not anticipated that the ATV's will be provided access to this portion of the trail.
- The Snowmobile and ATV Groups could get together to organize the joint use of the trail for the future.

Mary Bax, representative of the Washago Centennial Park Committee, advised that her group is very interested in the future development of the Park and would encourage the Recreation Committee for the Township.

Marilyn Brooks, President of the Washago Community Centre Corporation, advised that the recent walking trail at the Washago Centennial Park is excellent. It takes 10 minutes and 630 steps to walk around.

Rod Harth, member of the Washago Community Centre Board of Directors, advised that a T-Ball event was held in the Park and that the participation doubled following registration. There is a real need for sports programs in the area and an expanded use of the Park.

Acting Chair Sled advised that Council has copies of the Rotary Club Report prepared for Washago Centennial Park.

Gary Pipher, representative of the Coldwater Shuffleboard Club, advised that their group is grateful for use of the Coldwater Community Centre. The facility may be used for larger events in the future.

Sue DePiero, representative of the Birkeshire Woods Volunteers, inquired if their parkland would be developed with the new Recreation Committee and advised that comments from the proposed committee on future development of parkland would be helpful.

Jane Dunlop, readdressed the Committee and inquired as to why the Board of Management for the Coldwater Community Centre was discontinued in the past.

- The Township hired a Recreation Manager at the time to operate the facility and therefore the Board of Management was no longer required.

Acting Chair Sled inquired if any members of the Committee have any further comments?

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Member Taylor advised that the Township could start with an overall Recreation Advisory Committee and form smaller subcommittees for particular areas within the Township. The momentum needs to be started to preserve each community's history and take advantage of concepts suggested for Council's consideration.

Member Beach advised that the current recreation budget is quite large. Any future expenditures need to be considered very carefully to ensure that the recreation being supported has long term positive outcomes for the residents. He cannot support spending needless dollars on recreation if Council misjudges the needs of the community. Support is required for funding facilities being used most efficiently while reviewing input from the residents on what their expectations are for the provision of recreational services.

Member Crichton requested clarification on the insurance provisions now in place for the volunteers.

Member Cox advised that subcommittees were a good idea from across the Township which will get the residents working together as a unit. It will provide a sense of community and allow the residents to discover that there are recreational opportunities throughout the Township, not just in their little community, and assist with fundraising and volunteering. There have been comments received with respect to the need for soccer pitches, dog parks, etc. and culture should also be included in the Recreation Committee. Some residents may not be aware that a large portion of the annual library grant is paid to the City of Orillia to provide library services for Township residents.

Henry Sander, Director of Corporate Services, provided an overview of the insurance coverage now provided for groups operating and maintaining municipal facilities and parklands. The Township is also providing funding for utilities and grass cutting. There are a number of capital projects also included in the 2010 budget for recreation.

Marilyn Brooks advised that the Washago Community Centre recently received a \$550.00 grant from the Community Development Corporation which will be used for basketball equipment.

Rod Harth, Director for the Washago Community Centre, inquired as to when the proposed Recreation Committee could be established.

- Council will be reviewing Terms of Reference for the Committee before a decision will be made.
- It has been recommended that the Township draw from the associations and groups already in place for appointments to the Committee.

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Member Cox advised that there may be some areas lacking representation from associations or groups and all areas of the Township need to be included.

Member Crichton advised that Bass Lake Woodlands and Marchmont have ratepayers associations in place now.

Member Sled advised that the associations and groups could be requested to provide input on the terms of reference and composition of the Recreation Committee.

Sue DePiero advised that the associations and groups will require direction from Council on the structure required for the proposed Committee.

Member Coyle agreed that representatives from the associations and groups already formed could be encouraged to participate in the Recreation Committee.

Sue DePiero advised that the need for individual groups to have liability insurance and fundraise for the 50/50 cost of capital improvements have been barriers in the past for the Berkshire Woods Volunteers.

Member Coyle agreed that funding can be difficult for development. He suggested a 7 – 9 member Committee. Members could be delegated individual duties such as fundraising to assist Council.

(see Resolution No. CSC061610-01)