

Township of Douro-Dummer Arena Facilities Future Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes

Date: October 12, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Upper Meeting Room at the Warsaw Community Centre

Committee:
Chair – Ray Johnston
Vice Chair – Jim Bailey
Committee Member – Gerard Sullivan
Committee Member – Kerri Riel
Committee Member – Liam Ryan

Staff Present:
Manager of Recreation Facilities – Mike Mood
CAO – Elana Arthurs

Regrets:
Committee Member – Kerri Riel

1. Chair to call meeting to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The Chair asked if anyone had a pecuniary interest. None were declared

3. Approval of Agenda - September 12, 2023

Resolution

Moved by: Jim Bailey

Seconded by: Liam Ryan

That the Agenda for October 12, 2023 be received and approved. Carried

4. Approval of Minutes and Business Arising from the Minutes – September 12, 2023.

Resolution

Moved by: Gerrard Sullivan

Seconded by: Jim Bailey

That the Minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2023 be received and approved. Carried

5. Other Business

5.1 Review of Draft Committee Action Plan

The Committee spent time reviewing the action plan and options for moving forward. The discussion included the challenges at both facilities and the costs associated with doing upgrades and ongoing maintenance. It was determined that there was insufficient funds to do anything impactful.

5.2 Discussion of Funding Opportunities to Assist with Studies

Mike Mood, Manager of Recreation Facilities presented an opportunity to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions study for both the Douro and the Warsaw Community Centres. With the expectation to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions mandated by the Province, it is expected that any grant applications for construction or updating of facilities will require this study to be completed. Mr. Mood spoke to the opportunity to have CIMCO provide a presentation to further explain this opportunity and their part in the process.

Elana Arthurs, CAO spoke to the need to determine a path moving forward and possibly a new or updated Recreation Master Plan to identify where to begin and how to proceed. The Committee discussed their focus being the arenas and wanting to ensure that they received adequate review and attention in such a broad report. Ms. Arthurs spoke to a grant opportunity that may provide for 80% of the cost of the plan development. It was noted that the deadline was fast approaching but that an application could be submitted if the Committee was willing to allocate funds toward the 20% balance assuming grant approval.

Resolution

Moved by: Jim Bailey

Seconded by: Liam Ryan

That the Committee approve allocating \$10,000 toward the cost of the development of a Master Recreation Plan, pending approval of a grant application to cover the balance of the cost.

Carried

6. New Business: None

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was not scheduled pending the meeting with Council on the GHG presentation on November 7, 2023.

8. Adjournment Resolution

Moved by: Liam Ryan

Seconded by: Gerrard Sullivan

That the meeting adjourn (6:32 p.m.).

Carried

Chair, Ray Johnston

Elana Arthurs, Deputy Clerk