



Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

7:30 March 2, 2022

Council Chambers

Norman Wells

Called to order at 7:31

Attendees: Trevor, Alexis, Michael, Danielle & Britt

Absentees: Hannah Spenser, Haiden Duncan

Staff: Recreation Manager

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

No declared conflicts of interests.

Amendment to the agenda:

Trevor:

- Removed correspondence to council as the correspondence to the committee regarding the Regional Wellness Council vacancies was intended as informational only. If anyone is interested, you can contact Councillor Wever or refer to email that was shared with committee.
- Table Recreation Committee Bi-law review for later date to utilize time to discuss the Committees' vision for the outdoor gathering area between Ricks Bridge and Lorraine's building.

Review Committee meeting minutes from January 27:

- No changes or additions.

Old Business:

Bi-law review:

Trevor:

- Committee agrees to table Bi-law review on a later date so the Committee can utilize this time for discussion on the Rec Master Plan. Specifically, on the envisioned layout of the Recreation Area, proposed outdoor gathering area, running track & interior sports field.

Master Plan: (Running track/sports field)

Trevor:

- Discussion on the envisioned layout of an official sized running track with the track's interior utilized as a soccer field that includes track & field sport stations.

Alexis:

- Reviews draft layout & map of track/sports field with committee.

Trevor:

- informed Committee research on the costs to develop the land needs to be completed and then added to the towns budget for upcoming years as well as having Council support on the project.

Master Plan: (Outdoor Gathering area/Green open space/Gardening area)

- Discussion on the Committees envisioned layout of the Area located between Lorrain's building & Ricks Bridge.
- Discussion on access requirement for steam-trucks to work on utilidor system that provides utilities to Rec Centre.
- Discussion on the need to coordinate with other committees regarding their wants and needs for the upgrades to the proposed area.
- Discussion on Committees goals: We need to put forward what our vision is for the proposed gathering area, coordinate with the Land Use & Planning Committee & Economic Development Committee with the goal that all the committees come to a consensus.
- Speaks to an old project to build a Rick Myers memorial sign & plaque honouring his legacy and impact on the community in the proposed area.
- Discussion on needed infrastructure: Shed with water tank, road to utilidor box for steam truck, planters, firepit, stage, seating area & a meandering trail from bridge through the property.
- Discussed the Brownfield on the location.
- Shared that all the committees want the planning process to be completed for this project this year.
- Discussion regarding Trevor to meet with the chairs of the other interested Committees that have a vision for the area & discuss how we can incorporate all the ideas if able.
- Trevor asked the committee to continue thinking of other ideas for the proposed gathering area.
- The committee agrees to have Trevor setup a meeting with the other chairs to start a coordinated effort to upgrade the area on the proposed date of Wednesday March 16th.

Trevor Opens floor for questions:

Brit:

Can the proposed track be groomed for skate skiing?

Rec Manager responds: Yes, it can be groomed for skate skiing with no damage to the track as our track setter only conditions the top layer of snow & won't damage anything under the snow.

CULTURE CENTRE:

Alexis:

- Informed the Committee at the last COW meeting, Council supported the formation of a subcommittee to conduct a fact-finding mission to investigate the feasibility of a multicultural centre and a multiplex.
- Spoke on the availability of Cultural grants/funding opportunities for building & operating costs for a Multiuse Cultural Centre & contrasted it against a Multi Plex.
- Informed the committee about the lack of town reserves.

Trevor:

- Discussion on feasibility of a multiplex and the high costs of a year-round pool.
- Expressed concerns on how many taxpayers are willing to have taxes increase to make a Multi Plex a reality; indicated that this will be part of the fact-finding mission the proposed sub-committee will endeavour to find out.
- Discusses upcoming expenses regarding aging infrastructure and addressing needed building deficiencies.

Britt:

- Expressed concerns to the fact that we are a small town getting smaller. Indicating that decisions need to be made on what new things we are going to do and what we are going to drop.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Fling March 25-27

Rec Manager:

- Provided a draft program schedule of events.
- Called out to Committee members for volunteers to help with events.
- Asked the committee if they had any new ideas to incorporate in Spring Fling.

Open Forum

Nothing

Next Meeting: April the 6, 7:30pm in the Council Chambers

Adjourned: 9:23