

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre Recreation and Facility Services Committee held this date at the Municipal Office, Coldstream.

PRESENT

Al Edmondson, Mayor (Arrived 7:10 pm)
Frank Berze, Councillor
John Brennan, Councillor (Chair)
Brian Ritchie, Councillor
Heather Greig, Public Representative
Allan Lamont, Public Representative
Joe Meyer, Public Representative
Janice Silver, Public Representative

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Bruce Waddell, Public Representative

Also attending from staff were:

Greg Watterton, Acting Manager Recreation & Facility Services
Jim Maguire, Recreation & Facilities Supervisor
Rick Sinclair, Community Centre Co-ordinator
Claudia Thar, Secretary, Recreation & Facility Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

9.2 Komoka Arena and Wellness Centre

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2009 MINUTES

Resolution RFC/#08/2009
Moved by Frank Berze
Seconded by Janice Silver

THAT, the minutes of the March 10, 2009 regular meeting be approved as presented.

- Carried -

4.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

None

5. RECREATION (PARKS)

5.1 Park Inquiries

None at this time.

6. RECREATION (Facilities)

6.1 Community Centre Coordinators Report

Rick Sinclair presented a Staff Report outlining various 2009 Community Centre projects which are underway or completed. Mr. Sinclair noted the re-lamping of the Coldstream Community Centre is now complete. The new lights provide double the candlepower but draw only one-half of the former energy consumption. Two tracks of lights can be dimmed if desired.

Jim Maguire noted there are plans to re-lamp the Delaware and Komoka Community Centres in a similar manner.

Mr. Sinclair provided and discussed statistical information regarding community centre usage over the past couple of years. Brian Ritchie noted the numbers in all facilities generally show an increasing trend. Mr. Sinclair stated there is a marked increase in the number of indoor sporting events such as ball hockey. Mr. Sinclair explained the gymnasium style halls in Delaware and Komoka are well suited for indoor sporting events whereas the Ilderton and Coldstream facilities are not appropriate due to their wood flooring and windows. In some instances, Mr. Sinclair indicated Middlesex Centre has had to decline bookings for indoor sports groups because the appropriate facilities are almost fully rented in the desired time slots.

In response to inquiries regarding impact of the moratorium on 'stag and doe' events in other local municipalities, Mr. Sinclair noted he has experienced a definite increase in the number of 'stag and doe' related inquiries. However, not all inquiries have resulted in firm bookings at this time.

6.2 Signage at Delaware Community Centre

Greg Watterton provided a staff report with quotations for a wall sign and a free standing sign for the Delaware Community Centre. Mr. Watterton noted the 2009 budget amount for this item is \$7,500.00 and that the quotation for the free standing sign exceeds this amount.

Frank Berze noted the quotation for the wall sign did not include a Lexan cover and inquired if damage due to vandalism could be a concern. Jim Maguire stated since the sign will be mounted over six feet high, potential for vandalism was reduced.

Resolution RFC/#09/2009

Moved by Frank Berze

Seconded by Heather Greig

THAT Report Number RFD006/09 dated April 3, 2009 and entitled 'Delaware Community Centre Signage' be received; and

FURTHER THAT it be recommended to Council that a wall sign in the quoted amount of \$3,780.56 plus GST be installed at the Delaware Community Centre with the present sign being relocated to the rear of the building.

- Carried -

6.3 Ilderton Minor Hockey Response

Members reviewed the correspondence of Mike Van Steensel on behalf of Ilderton Minor Hockey, dated April 2, 2009.

Committee members agreed that any future costs or other matters impacting upon the working relationship between the two organizations should be set out contractually in writing to ensure clarity and agreement of both parties.

Members acknowledged and agreed with the request that the memorial plaque dedicated to Ken Robb be replaced.

Resolution RFC/#10/2009

Moved by Joe Meyer

Seconded by Frank Berze

THAT, the correspondence of Mike Van Steensel dated April 2, 2009 be received, and

FURTHER THAT, Committee recommends to Municipal Council that invoices issued to the Ilderton Minor Hockey Association and the Ilderton Skating Club, each in the amount of \$1,074.50 plus GST, be reversed with the total amount being charged as building maintenance at the arena facility, and

FURTHER THAT, correspondence confirming reversal of the storage area renovation charges be sent to the Ilderton Minor Hockey Association and the Ilderton Skating Club.

- Carried -

6.4 Facility Inquiries

None at this time.

7. **RECREATION (Programming)**

7.1 Programming Inquiries

In response to member inquiries, Claudia Thar provided an update on the 2009 Summer Recreation Program. Ms. Thar stated that three General Registration Nights were recently held and four of the eight weeks are now fully registered.

8. **FACILITIES (Libraries)**

8.1 Library Inquiries

Frank Berze requested the eaves trough at the Delaware Library be checked by staff.

9. **OTHER FACILITIES**

9.1 Other Facilities - Inquiries

None at this time.

9.2 Komoka Arena and Wellness Centre

Joe Meyer requested investigation into the possibility of granting resident status for the Mount Brydges Minor Hockey Association. Mr. Meyer explained Delaware and Komoka youth who participate in this organization would be considered 'non-resident' according to Middlesex Centre policy. Jim Maguire confirmed residency is a factor within the Ice Allocation Policy when prioritizing ice time requests. Greg Watterton noted that resident status does not have bearing upon the ice time rates charged for minor sports groups. Janice Silver stated that OMHA boundaries are currently under review. Members discussed the impact OMHA boundaries may have in this area, specifically in relation to a potential new ice surface in the Komoka area. Members agreed this topic will require further consideration and discussion.

10. OTHER

10.1 Spring Tour

Jim Maguire reviewed the proposed route for the upcoming Spring Parks Tour. The tour will depart Weldon Park parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

10.2 Other Inquiries

None at this time.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

Members reviewed the Information Items.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

John Brennan – Chairperson

Claudia Thar – Recording Secretary