



Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron

Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Remote Electronic Meeting South Huron Council Chambers

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Members Present: George Finch, Chair
Jim Dietrich, Member
Dianne Faubert, Member
Marissa Vaughan - Member
Aaron Neeb, Member
Barb Willard, Member
Ted Oke - Member

Staff Present: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
Sandy Becker, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Scott Currie, Community Services Manager
Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
Justin Finkbeiner, Administrative Assistant
Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Finch called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and Roll Call was completed.

2. Amendments to the Agenda, as Distributed and Approved by Committee

Motion: CW#01-2021

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That South Huron Committee of the Whole approves the Agenda as presented.

Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Reports

4.1 S. Currie, Manager of Community Services - Review of Recreation Master Plan Facility Study Recommendations

Manager Currie provided the Committee with an overview of the presentation which included a review of the findings and recommendations from the Recreation Master Plan Facility Study with updates and notes in red font. Manager Currie noted staff is looking for direction from the Committee and Council and outlined presentation objectives.

4:06 p.m. Councillor Willard noted issues with blurriness of slide deck, this was corrected and meeting resumed.

Manager Currie identified current industry and demographic, challenges and demands for recreation infrastructure. He noted that Council has already provided direction for the Centralia Community Centre and the RFP will likely be published in the next couple of weeks. CAO Best noted that as next steps Council will need to look at directional recommendations for the Centralia Community Centre lands including a framework and a look at the scope. This exercise will include looking at demographics, maintenance and capital costs. The Committee discussed options in detail, further consultation with the community and noted information from the community delegation on September 16, 2019.

4:16 p.m. The Clerk noted issues with sound on live-stream. The Chair called a recess.

4:28 p.m. The meeting resumed.

The Committee continued their discussion on options and potential for the Centralia property.

4:30 p.m. Councillor Faubert joined the meeting.

Member Dietrich noted a Centralia community submission that he and Councillor Faubert received with layout suggestions for the lands. CAO Best noted that funds have been budgeted for demolition of the building

and there are provisions in place to save the bell and some elements of brickwork for a monument. CAO Best shared the community correspondence that was mentioned which included mapping from the community for the Committee and emailed the submission to members of the Committee. The Committee discussed the proposed layout in the submission including the playground equipment and CSA standards, state of pavilion, location of washrooms. They further discussed the 2025 deadline for Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) compliance for accessibility and design of public spaces standard.

Motion: CW#02-2021

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to proceed with the demolition of building and improving some of the existing amenities with respect to washrooms and electrical at the pavilion and for staff to bring back a report on the costs.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

Manager Currie provided an overview of the Crediton Community Centre and shared facilities of Dashwood Community Centre and Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre and South Huron Recreation Centre. CAO Best noted technical, financial and legal aspects in management of Community Halls and the strengths and efforts of community members. He added that programming is not within the scope of tonight's presentation but will be brought forward to Council as a subsequent report.

Manager Currie noted that a recommendation on a slide to close a facility during the Nustadia presentation was included in this presentation and further added that this recommendation was not included in the final Nustadia report. The Committee discussed the recommendation to start funding capital reserves and staff noted that the existing framework is a global capital reserve for all South Huron facilities.

Manager Currie continued the presentation with an overview of outdoor pools. The Committee discussed shared facilities and existing agreements with Bluewater and Perth South.

Motion: CW#03-2021

Moved: M. Vaughan

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Committee of the Whole recommend to Council and Council of Perth South that staff be directed to set up a joint meeting to discuss the shared facilities and administration of joint facilities and path forward.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

Motion: CW#04-2021

Moved: T. Oke

Seconded: J. Dietrich

That South Huron Committee of the Whole recommend to Council and Council of Bluewater that staff be directed to set up a joint meeting to discuss the shared facilities and administration of joint facilities and path forward.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

Manager Currie provided an overview of the Stephen Township arena including building assessment, usage and financials. The Committee discussed these slides in detail. CAO Best provided the Committee with an overview of 2019 financials and noted he did not provide the 2020 numbers as it was not considered a normal year. The Committee further discussed projected costs for Stephen arena to maintain the facility “as is” and noted the figures provided in the report did not reflect AODA requirements for the facility.

CAO Best noted that at this time the municipality has not received confirmation of the status of the grant application. The Committee discussed in detail options for Stephen Arena, forecasted expenditures for upgrades and maintenance costs to Stephen arena, utilization and design potentials and timeline for a new build.

5:50 p.m. Mayor Finch called a recess.

5:58 p.m. The meeting resumed.

The Committee resumed discussion on putting required forecasted expenditures to Stephen arena, ice usage and new build. The Committee discussed not remaining on discussions on the new build right now and to continue to discuss the Stephen arena conversation at this time.

6:11 p.m. Chair Dietrich took the chair.

Member Finch said the current discussion should not be about a second ice pad but to continue on the discussion on Stephen arena.

6:12 p.m. Chair Finch resumed the chair and the Committee resumed discussions.

Motion: CW#05-2021

Moved: T. Oke

Seconded: B. Willard

That South Huron Committee of the Whole recommend to South Huron Council to close the Stephen site for our use and to build a new ice pad attached to the existing ice pad in Exeter.

Disposition: Defeated (2 to 5)

The Committee discussed possible options for users if the municipality is moving forward with one facility.

Motion: CW#05-2021

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to close the Stephen arena at the end of the 2021 season.

Disposition: Carried (4 to 3)

Manager Currie discussed building condition assessment of South Huron Arena and noted "heritage building" notation on slide belongs to Stephen arena and not South Huron Recreation Centre. CAO Best noted regulatory framework for heritage designation.

Motion: CW#06-2021

Moved: M. Vaughan

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that a report with parameters to consider with respect to heritage designation on Stephen arena be brought forward to Council.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

Member Vaughan noted that Ag building was not included in tonight's presentation or in the Nustadia report. CAO Best noted that the building is

used mostly for storage for the municipality and staff will take a look at the previous staff report on the building.

Motion: CW#07-2021

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to set up a Committee of the Whole for a direction moving forward.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

Motion: CW#08-2021

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Committee of the Whole accept the report from Scott Currie, Manager of Community Services titled “Review of Recreation Master Plan Facility Study Recommendations” for information.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

5. Adjournment

Motion: CW#09-2021

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Committee of the Whole does now adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

George Finch, Chair

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Clerk