



Minutes of a regular meeting of the Ad Hoc Community Hub Committee

Thursday, April 29, 2021

11:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

Present	D. Marchisella, Chair E. Pearce, Member T. Turner, Member
Present	D. Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer Brenda Lackie, Secretary Amy Sonnenburg, Director of Finance/Treasurer Steve Antunes, Special Projects Manager S. Finamore, Councillor C. Patrie, Councillor D. Hennessey, Manager of Recreation and Culture
Others	Daryl Halloch, Director of Public Works Amelia D'Amato, Interim Museum Curator Franco Pastore, Idea Integrated Design Dan Moody, Tulloch Engineering 6 guests

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 November 22, 2019

guests - Patrie and Finamore

Res. 1/21

Moved By: T. Turner

Seconded By: E. Pearce

That the following minutes be adopted as amended:

November 22, 2019

Carried

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

6. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 April 26, 2021 Memo of the Special Projects Manager

Re. Hub Finance Options

6.2 Report of the Chief Administrative Officer for the Consideration of Council

Re. Updates on Recreation Hub Design

Res. 2/21

Moved By: E. Pearce

Seconded By: T. Turner

THAT the report of the CAO dated April 26, 2021 be received;

AND THAT Council direct staff to work with the Curling Club members to secure senior level of government funding for capital renovations and repairs at the Deer Trail Curling Club building on Hillside South

AND THAT staff and the Curling Club return to Council as soon as practical with the details surrounding the funding opportunities and the cost impact to the municipality and the club for the curling club building repairs and funds needed to leverage the grant(s)

AND THAT staff be directed to amend the scope of the proposed Recreation Hub to omit the curling sheets at an approx. cost saving of \$7M.

AND THAT the committee recommend that Council rescind all resolutions where Council accepted Option F. Resolution #223 Council meeting of June 12, 2017 and Resolution #9 Council meeting of January 8, 2018

Carried

Res. 3/21

Moved By: E. Pearce

Seconded By: T. Turner

THAT Council direct staff to amend the scope of the proposed Recreation Hub to omit the large gym space at an approx. cost saving of \$5.6M;

AND THAT staff investigate retrofit funding for the Collins Hall.

Carried

Res. 4/21

Moved By: E. Pearce

Seconded By: T. Turner

THAT Council direct staff to prepare an RFP for first two components of the detailed design of the amended scope of work for the Recreation Hub at an upset cost of \$500,000

AND THAT staff be directed to pursue funding opportunities for the detailed design including but not limited to the NOHFC and return to Council as soon as practical with more information.

Carried

6.3 Feedback and Discussion with Key Stakeholders

Re. Hub Design and Next Steps

Doug McLeod: What transacted at this meeting wasn't what he anticipated. The curling hub isn't in the initial construction now.

Mayor Marchisella: Correct

Doug McLeod: We wanted to be in the first phase. I am a little confused

Dan Gagnon: This motion will go to next council meeting. If council agrees with the committee's recommendation the curling club will not be in the first phase. Members should wrap their minds around not being in phase 1 or maybe even never. There are still a lot more questions than answers.

Doug McLeod: I don't think the curling club building will last a lot longer. The money and funding will help as a stop gap measure but not for the long term. I am not sure how what I said was interpreted for us to not be in phase 1. The first estimate was \$4M then later it increased to \$6.7M. The twin pad approach is more efficient reducing costs. What was the estimate to have the curling club in phase 1?

Franco Pastore: To build a curling rink in the future we don't know a cost. Cost today is \$7M

Doug McLeod: Did you estimate the cost for a twin pad incl. curling club

Franco Pastore: No

Doug McLeod: Wouldn't it be cheaper to do it now?

Franco Pastore: Yes it would be less expensive. The cost now would be \$7M but more later.

Doug McLeod: It was not my intention to have the curling club not be part of phase 1

Councillor Patrie: Would it be less expensive to make rink & curling rink as a twin pad?

Franco Pastore: \$7M would be the cost today taking in the efficiency. Separation would be needed between the arena and the curling rink which has a cost. To do it at a different time would remove infrastructure that was previously built which would increase the cost.

Councillor Turner: We would like to include everything but we are pressured by the provincial government to bring the cost below \$30M and something needs to be removed to pursue funding. The only option we have left is to pay for this ourselves if we don't make some cuts. The City will use the extra years to find a way to raise funds to build a new curling rink in phase 2.

Mayor Marchisella: Through proposed funding stream will see some funding to retrofit the club which will be quicker than the hub construction.

Councillor Patrie: We need to apply for grants to assist our pool and arena as it will take at least 5 years to move into a facility. Direct staff to continue pursue funding to keep existing facilities going.

Dan Gagnon: We don't provide curling as a city recreation program, we have to focus on our core assets.

Councillor Finamore: We may have to decide between our own assets as well at some point. We may have to make a choice to remove other city facilities in order to get funding.

Dan Gagnon: \$29M is still very high. May have to trim more. Will need to present the reports re the state of our present facilities at another hub meeting.

Mayor Marchisella: Prefabricated buildings - cheaper than designed build?
Possible Plan B still an option?

Chris Margetts: Wondering when there will be a users meeting. Will we be able to get together soon?

Mayor Marchisella: Possibly via zoom

Councillor Turner: Isn't that this meeting?

Dan Gagnon: These meetings right now are still only talking about the footprint, we are not at the functional design stage yet.

Chris Margetts: The attendees today are the Parks & Recreation committee only. User groups need to look at the plans.

Franco Pastore: During the next 2 stages re-occurring user group meetings will need to be held.

Councillor Finamore: Separate meetings needed for ice and pool groups?

Franco Pastore: A Steering committee will be needed.

Councillor Marchisella: To make meetings easier to handle we will keep user groups separate

Councillor Finamore: We want to invite all

Mayor Marchisella: Agreed

- 7. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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Res. 5/21

Moved By: E. Pearce

Seconded By: T. Turner

Carried