West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board
Open Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2024

Date: November 13, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Town of Parry Sound Council Chambers, 52 Seguin St.

Members Present:
Vice Chair & Parry Sound Mayor Jamie McGarvey
Archipelago Councillor Tom Lundy
McDougall Mayor Dale Robinson
Seguin Councillor Terry Fellner

Steering Committee Members Present
Archipelago CAO John Fior
McDougall CAO Tim Hunt
Parry Sound CAO Clayton Harris
Seguin CAO Jason Inwood

Alternate Members Present:
McDougall Councillor JJ Blower
Parry Sound Councillor George Ashford
Seguin Mayor Ann MacDiarmid

Staff Present:
Recording Clerk Rebecca Johnson
Parry Sound Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips

Guests Present:
Carling Mayor Susan Murphy
Ball Construction Jay Homewood

1. Agenda:

1.1 Additions to Open Agenda

Members voted in favour of moving the item “Carling Township Notice re: Bank Financing for Construction” from an added item to the Closed Agenda to the Open Agenda as item 3.5

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Lundy Seconded by Councillor Fellner

That the Agenda for the November 11, 2024 West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board is hereby approved as amended.

Carried

1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – N/A

1.4 Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Robinson Seconded by Councillor Fellner

That Minutes of the October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting of the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Board are hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

2. Delegations/Correspondence – N/A

3. Business

3.1 Chair's Report

Chair McGarvey announced the Winter Sound Waves fundraising concert scheduled for Sunday, December 15 at the Stockey Centre. Chair McGarvey also noted that the Town of Parry Sound issued an RFP for renaming Parry Sound Drive which has closed, and the $50,000 received net expenses will be contributed to the matching fundraising campaign.

3.2 Monthly Financial Reports

Submitted by: Steering Committee

Board Treasurer Stepphanie Phillips gave an overview of the Financial reports

Resolution 2024 - 63
Moved by Councillor Lundy Seconded by Mayor Robinson
That the October 31, 2024 financial reports be received for information.

Carried

3.3 Project & Budget Update

Submitted by: Steering Committee

From a prepared power point presentation, Jay Homewood of Ball Construction gave an overview of the short-term construction schedule noting that 33% of the foundation work has been completed, with installation of structural steel frame to start Jan. 2025 and CLT wood roof deck over pool to be installed late Feb. 2025. The overall project schedule and budget remains the same as that reported on at the last meeting.

In response to Mayor Robinson's inquiry, Mr. Homewood confirmed that Ball Construction is self-performing concrete form work as the lowest bidder in a competitive bid process. With respect to slabs on grade and concrete work related to the swimming pool, Mr. Homewood confirmed that United Forming, and Austin Carroll respectively were awarded those tenders; and Muskoka Ready Mix is the concrete supplier.

In response to rumours that construction company Sarjeant Co. was awarded a tender because of a donation it made, Mr. Homewood confirmed Mayor Robinson's statement that this is incorrect.

Resolution 2024 - 64
Moved by Councillor Fellner Seconded by Mayor Robinson
That the Board receive the November 13, 2024 Project & Budget Update for information purposes.

Carried

3.4 Fundraising Team Report

Fundraising & Sponsorship Chair Mayor MacDiarmid reported that the matching Fundraising campaign scheduled to end on November 23rd, is over $100,000, and the anonymous donor has indicated he can go a little higher. A pizza party on November 23rd from noon to 2 PM at Maurizio's will close the campaign. Mayor MacDiarmid reported that she is in active conversations with staff at 2 major national foundations, has additional contracts for donations, and continues to work on a major naming sponsorship.

Resolution 2024 - 65
Moved by Mayor Robinson Seconded by Councillor Lundy

That the fundraising report be accepted.

Carried

3.5 Carling Township Notice re: Bank Financing for Construction

In response to Carling Township Mayor Susan Murphy's email received earlier in the day reporting that Carling Township has committed to provide financing guarantee for the upcoming Belvedere building project and therefore has reached its debt capacity making it unable to provide a loan guarantee for the Recreation Centre bank financing, Mayor McGarvey asked Mayor Murphy if that position was ratified by Carling Council. Mayor Murphy reiterated the explanation in her e-mail of Carling's commitment to Belvedere Heights, affecting Carling's debt limit.

Mayor Robinson reported that Belvedere Board Chair Pam Wing, representative for Carling, the Archipelago and McDougall had reported to him and had presented to Carling Council, that Carling's commitment to Belvedere Heights did not impact Carling's ability to borrow. Mayor Robinson also noted that there was no attempt by Belvedere to reach out to McDougall regarding financing the Belvedere building project.

In response to Mayor Robinson's inquiry as to whether borrowing for the Recreation Centre project has an impact on a municipality's internal ability to

borrow, Town Treasurer Stephanie Phillips noted that Ontario Reg. 4302, Section 5, pt 8 states that borrowing for district municipal homes are excluded from the municipal annual borrowing limit. Ms. Phillips recommend that this be reviewed by a solicitor.

Councillors Fellner and Lundy spoke on behalf of their respective municipalities of Seguin and Archipelago indicating that their municipalities supported the Belvedere building project and would secure the necessary funding.

Mayor Murphy expressed that Carling Council is committed to both the Belvedere and the Recreation Centre projects, and that if the information she had about debt capacity maxed out is wrong, Carling would reconsider its position on a loan guarantee for the Recreation Centre.

4. Adjournment 7:37 PM

Moved by Councillor Fellner Seconded by Councillor Lundy

That we do adjourn.

Carried