

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

Community Services Executive Committee

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MINUTES

SESSION NO. #022

April 6, 2020

The meeting of Community Services Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Online on April 6, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. to 11.04 a.m.

PRESENT: Andrew Hallikas - Chairman, Michael Behan - Councillor, Rick Wiedenhoeft - Councillor, Mayor June Caul (ex-officio), Aaron Bisson, Recreational and Culture Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Doug Brown, CAO

- 1 CALL TO ORDER (Session #022)**
- 2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Call for Non-Agenda Items)**
- 3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - None**
- 4 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES**
 - 4.1 Approved as Amended
- 5 ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**
 - 5.1 Rainy Lake Gymnastics Academy Request - Leave as is unless suitable compromise can be reached.
- 6 NEW BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 Amendment to Policy Number:2.5 - Approved as Presented
 - 6.2 FFMGH Tournament Ice - Approved as Presented

- 7 IN-CAMERA**
- 8 NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- 9 INFORMATION**
- 10 ADJOURNMENT**

A. Hallikas, Executive Committee Chair

A. Bisson, Recreational and Culture Manager

June 1, 2020

Report To: Community Services Executive Committee

From: Aaron Bisson, Recreation and Culture Manager

RE: Memorial Sports Center Stage 2 Grant Application

The Town has a grant application in for the Investing in Canada infrastructure Program to deal with rehabilitating the Memorial Sports Center, this is a needed upgrade to some structural issues the building is dealing with. In conjunction with this I have applied to several grants to increase our ability to serve a larger customer base and service our current customer base during the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Grant Renovations. We have several opportunities to attract large numbers of new members to the facility through new corporate subsidies being offered to workers of some large companies. The issue we are seeing is that we do not have a large enough facility to accommodate our current membership.

We have been fortunate enough to make it through to stage 2 of the application process. One of the requirements of this final stage is for council to pass a resolution supporting the project should it be funded by NOHFC and agree to cover any cost overruns the project may encounter.

The proposed expansion would allow the Town to achieve several objectives:

- The first objective would be to allow no interruption or a very minimal interruption to the pool activities we are currently offering. We have increased our offerings in the pool significantly and to shut the pool down for a four to six (4-6) month renovation could significantly hurt the progress and momentum we have created to this point.
- We currently have approximately 94 members that hold a membership exclusively for the reason of using our pool facility and the programs we run through the pool, if we shut it down for 6 months we would lose arguably all of those members for that period and it is uncertain how many would buy a membership again once the pool reopened
- The addition would allow for larger accessible washrooms/changerooms to be built so we can become compliant with accessibility standards
- A proper family/accessible changeroom could be added
- Increase the size of our weight room to eliminate the backlog and waiting for machines
- Add dedicated fitness areas so that we can begin to capitalize on the trend of providing fitness classes
- Increase the size of our cardio room for proper spacing of equipment and offer appropriate pieces of equipment.
- Increasing our facility size and accessibility would attract new members that have left due to the restrictive operating hours we currently offer
- It is also expected that updating our equipment and having a larger variety of machines would increase our membership because of our expanded offerings.
- Appropriately deal with humidity and temperature issues experienced in the current configuration
- Allow access to our gym members through an exterior door which would grant additional access outside of normal operating hours and fall in line with most other gym options.
- Allow our facility to offer programming/rehabilitation to people with disabilities by updating our facility to be able to accept such customers

Projected project cost	\$ 4,675,000.00	
Funding Course	% Contribution	Estimated Funding Allocation
Trillium (pending)	10.7%	\$ 500,000.00
Provincial	79.3%	\$ 3,707,500.00
Municipal	10%	\$ 467,500.00
Total contribution	100%	\$ 4,675,000.00

Note: The above scenario is a best case scenario. The provincial government generally provides support to a total of \$1,000,000.00 of funding but has recently funded beyond that level locally and is encouraging a project of this size for our region. We have spoken with the local representative for NOHFC and strengthened our case for a funding level greater than the standard funding levels normally given. FedNor was one of the possible other grant options we explored however they have indicated they will not fund this project, as it does not fit with their priorities at this time. There are other grants that we could stack with these two grants including Trillium for accessibility up to \$500,000.00. A worst case scenario could be a Town funding contribution in the \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 Range.

Recommendation

The Community Service Division recommends to Mayor & Council to support the proposed MSC Expansion Project subject to a successful NOHFC grant and agree to cover any cost overruns on the project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Bisson

Aaron Bisson
Manager of Recreation and Culture

Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to support the NOHFC Stage 2 grant application and to cover any cost overruns the project may experience.

June 1, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

RE: Summer Programs

The Community Services Division has run the Summer Programs for the Youth in our Community for years. This year we made some changes to the program and expanded our offers to be more user friendly for Families and noticed great interest in the programs. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 many things have changed in how we are able to operate and offer programming. Our Summer programs schedule to start on June 29, 2020 and run for 8 weeks are well over 70% filled at this time and we had to stop registration due to COVID-19 less than a week into our sign up. Due to the fact the Province has indicated it will not allow overnight camps, that daycare facilities are not yet open to the general public, gatherings up to a maximum of 5 people, I cannot see how we are able to provide this service in 2020. I know a lot of families rely on this service for child care and an activity for their children over the summer months but with the uncertain times we find ourselves in I believe it best we contact the families and let them know we are unable to supply this service at this time. This program is generally run with up to 4 high school or university aged students and placing the added responsibility on these individuals with the requirements bestowed upon us due to COVID-19 may not be a reasonable request. I believe it will be in the Town's best interest to cancel our 2020 Summer Programs and look to offer this service beginning in 2021 under better circumstances.

Recommendation

The Community Service Division recommends to Mayor & Council to cancel the 2020 Summer Programs and refund all participants who have already paid for their spots.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Bisson

Aaron Bisson
Manager of Recreation and Culture

<p>Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to cancel Summer Programs as outlined in this report.</p>
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