

Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc
Recreation Facility Infrastructure Renewal Committee
Minutes

Wednesday, September 1, 2021
5:00 p.m.
Electronic Meeting - Zoom

Present: Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden
Deputy Mayor Brad Richards
Councillor Neil Flegel
Councillor John Brennan
Councillor Sandi Hipple
Councillor Frank Kennes
Councillor Steve Pelkman
Councillor Marie Baker
Councillor Larry Cowan

Also Present: Fred Tranquilli, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Jennifer Pereira, Deputy Clerk/ Lottery Licensing Officer
(Recorder)
Bill Dakin, Director of Financial Services
Rob Lilbourne, Director of Community Services

Others Present: Cheryl McFadden, Community Resident

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Mayor Vanderheyden indicates that Tim Earley from Strathroy Spirit Basketball was not able to attend due to a family matter.

2. Presentations/Delegations/Petitions

2.1 Tim Earley - Strathroy Spirit Basketball

2.2 Cheryl McFadden - Community Resident

Cheryl McFadden, community resident made a presentation to Council in regards to the Tri-Township Arena and Caradoc Community Centre. She

expresses in her presentation how important those facilities are to the community and how the residents within the community would defiantly feel the loss of a well used facilities. She indicates that an arena is needed within the community and adding on to the Caradoc Community Centre will allow for more indoor user programs space while still maintaining the Caradoc Community Centre for the yearly events.

Councillor Hipple thanks Cheryl McFadden for her presentation and asks what she visions in the future as far as fundraising for this project. Cheryl feels that once a decision is made, she knows that the community will rally together and support this project and knows it will happen with very little effort.

Councillor Flegel also thanks Cheryl McFadden for her presentation and asks what her experience has been connecting with people that are not involved in a user group. She indicates that she is presenting on behalf of herself as a resident, however she is a member of the Mount Brydges Needs An Arena Group which will be presenting at the next meeting. She adds that the community was very upset when the Nustadia report was presented. She has been very active as a community member to hear comments and concerns from other residents. She indicates that all group have come together as one group to keep an arena within the community.

Councillor Pelkman asks how would you make Mount Brydges a cohesive village with or without an arena. Cheryl McFadden expresses that many people chose to move into the community because of the facilities that are offered. Many people also educated themselves due to the numbers of signs within the community of Mount Brydges.

Councillor Cowan expresses that one of the issues with ice pads are prime time hours are used fully, he asks moving forward how will usage be expanded. Cheryl McFadden feels that a multipurpose facility would be key in order a facilitate many groups. If the groups and usage is expanded then facilities can be used to its maximum capabilities.

Mayor Vanderheyden indicates that staff are always searching for any grants that would be available. She adds that the Chippewa are always in contact and the partnership is very valuable.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Committee Meeting Minutes - August 25, 2021

Moved by Deputy Mayor Richards

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

THAT: the meeting minutes be approved as written.

Carried

4. Unfinished Business

5. Enquiries or Comments by Members

Councillor Flegel shares that he will be participating in an information session Ontario's Community Building Fund Capital Stream, which provides support for non-profit in regards to recreation facilities. The amount is up to \$500,000 and to be paid out by the end of the year.

Mayor Vanderheyden reminds Council and the community that any recommendations, timelines or dates within the Nustadia Report was received for information and nothing has been decided.

6. Schedule of Meetings

7. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Pelkman

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

Motion to adjourn the meeting 5:34 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk