

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: February 7, 2022
Department: Chief Administrative Officer
Report No.: CAO-2022-04
Submitted by: Fred Tranquilli, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Approved by: Fred Tranquilli, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

SUBJECT: RFIRS Terms of Reference Amendment

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: the Terms of Reference for the RFIRS Finance Committee and the RFIRS Building Committee be amended to add to each committee composition two representatives of the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN)

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Mission: We serve the communities of Strathroy-Caradoc by delivering modern municipal services, proactively planning for the future, and facilitating partnerships that advance our goals.

Community Wellbeing: Provide recreational facilities that meet and adapt to changing needs and trends

Short Term Tactic: Concept Plan and cost estimate for a new multi-use community centre in Mount Brydges

BACKGROUND:

The RFIRS along with the Corporate Strategic Plan recommend that a multi-use community center be developed for Mount Brydges. Work has begun with the Council making appointments to the Finance Committee and the Building Committee along with the adoption of Terms of Reference. The Mayor and the CAO met with the COTTFN Chief Jacqueline French several times in 2021 to explore opportunities for partnership and collaboration, including with respect to the RFIRS.

COMMENTS:

On January 25, 2022, the Mayor and the CAO met with Chief French COTTFN's acting Executive Director Sheila Jaggard. At that time COTTFN indicated they would like to partner in a multi-use community center in Mt. Brydges. While the full scope of COTTFN's needs or involvement has not yet been confirmed, it was agreed that representation of the nature reflected in the recommendation

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would be presented to Council. The discussion also referred to the current governance structure and the expectation that a new facility is expected to be operated in the same fashion as other municipal facilities with the potential for an advisory committee of the partners being struck to offer feedback on programming and operations.

CONSULTATION:

Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden

Rob Lilbourne – Dir. Community Services

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

NONE