



**The Corporation of The Town of Cobourg
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

**November 2, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
Electronic Participation**

Members Present: Emily Chorley
Beth Bellaire, Chair
Trish Whitney
Dora Body
Miriam Mutton
James McGrath
Richard Pope

Staff Present: Jodi Ware-Simpson
Teresa Behan, Deputy Director, Community Services

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:06am.

2. **TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair, Beth Bellaire, recited the Traditional Land Acknowledgement.

3. **APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Member McGrath moved THAT the agenda dated November 2, 2021 be approved as presented.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Member Body declared interest as her property backs on to the Brookside property.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Member Body moved that the minutes dated October 5, 2021 be adopted as presented.

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Keith Oliver - Outdoor Adult Fitness Park

Keith Oliver, representing the Fitness Park Working Group (FPWG), reviewed his presentation. He discussed Phase 1 and Phase 2 (March 2024). The Committee agreed to focus on Phase 1.

Member Body moved *THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee accept Keith Oliver's presentation on the Outdoor Adult Fitness Park for information purposes and the Committee looks forward to receiving data on the usage of the equipment.*

Carried

7. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

8.1 Outdoor Adult Fitness Park Location - Deputy Director Behan

The following motion was passed:

Moved by Member Whitney:

Whereas the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) received a delegation on November 2, 2021 from Keith Oliver, Chair of the Fitness Park Working Group (FPWG), who expressed support for the Cobourg Community Centre (CCC) location for the Adult Fitness Park;

AND WHEREAS PRAC has considered alternative locations for the Adult Fitness Park in discussion with Staff, including the north end of Victoria Park, and deemed them unsatisfactory;

PRAC upholds its original recommendation of the CCC Campus as the preferred location for the Adult Fitness Park for the following reasons:

- the Adult Fitness Park could be utilized in connection with programming at the Senior's Centre*
- parents could utilize the equipment while their children are engaged in activities at the CCC*
- the availability of staff, surveillance and programming at the CCC*
- the CCC is a central location within the Town, particularly given ongoing development to the east*

- *landscaping is planned for the CCC campus, providing an opportunity to add soft plantings around the Adult Fitness Park, creating an area for seniors to gather, exercise, and interact.*

Carried

8.2 2022 Budget Update - Deputy Director Behan

The budget is public and it can found at www.cobourg.ca/en/town-hall/budget-2022.aspx

It is also on Engage Cobourg and it closes on Friday. The survey can be found at engagecobourg.ca/2022-budget

The Division staff presentations start on November 9. Community Services is on November 10.

The special budget Council session are on November 25 and 26. The final budget will be approved on December 13.

The forestry section has included two additional students in the budget.

The \$25,000 for tree planting has been included.

8.3 Walk of Fame Volunteer Recognition Display - Deputy Director Behan

Council made a motion that the Walk of Fame Volunteer Recognition be directed to staff for a report in consultation with PRAC.

The Deputy Director will have more information for the next meeting.

Action: Add Walk of Fame Volunteer Recognition Display to the December Agenda.

8.4 Tree Planting Motion

Moved by Member Pope

Whereas *the Town is committed to mitigating the climate crisis and;*

The Town has lost a significant amount of tree canopy due to the removal of ash trees, and there are still another two hundred (200) to be removed and;

There is a need not only for planting, but for staff time and maintenance for their continued growth.

Therefore, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends:

THAT the Town add an additional \$50,000 to the 2022 budget for tree planting and maintenance.

Carried

8.5 Brookside Property

Discussed reaching out to culture groups or any groups that would be interested in making a presentation.

8.6 Municipal Land Inventory Working Group - Miriam Mutton

The final meeting of the MLI Working Group was held October 25 to review the report being sent to Council for consideration at the Committee of the Whole meeting November 15, 2021.

Briefly, the mandate of the MLI Working Group was to review and identify Town owned properties which might be surplus and could be suitable for affordable housing projects.

The group, composed of members of Council, staff and citizen reps from PRAC and PDAC, worked well and the discussions explored various matters.

Here are highlights from the 22 page report,

Appendix 'I' is a list with map of Town owned properties. This was presented to Council in April 2021. In addition, based upon input from Northumberland County Social Services Department and the Northumberland Affordable Housing Committee additional criteria, e.g. proximity to schools, library, hospital, was used as a screen of potential sites and this chart appears in Appendix 'III'.

The MLI Working Group reviewed available information. The result is Appendix 'II' with map and description of the short listed sites, further divided in Category A, Priority List, and Category B, Secondary List.

"Priority List

1. Charles Street Parking Lot
2. Hibernia Street Parking Lot
3. 96 Alice Street - Former Tannery Property
4. Cobourg Memorial Arena
5. Tracey Park

The Working Group also developed a contingency, or secondary, list of three (3) properties as outlined below:

1. Westwood Park
2. Morley Cane Park
3. Peter Delanty Park

Moving forward, it will be important for Council to carefully examine the potential infill sites with respect to suitability, serviceability and other physical limitations, development potential, and to consider the opportunities and impacts on area neighbourhoods and the greater community. In addition, it is recommended that Council implement a comprehensive community consultation and engagement plan to obtain public feedback on the short-listed inventory prior to arriving at a decision."

8.7 Waterfront Management Working Group Update - Councillor Chorley

The Public Works Director is working on a parking memo.

The final report will go to Council on November 22, 2021.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

11. COUNCIL MOTIONS

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Member Pope that the meeting be adjourned at 12:35pm.

Carried

13. **NEXT MEETING**

December 7, 2021