

# Draft Park and Recreation Committee Meeting

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
December 15, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

## 1. Call to Order

### Present:

Councillor Lafreniere, Chair  
Mayor LeMay  
Deputy Mayor Gervais  
Councillor Abdallah (electronically)  
Councillor Jacyno (electronically)  
Councillor Plummer (electronically)  
Councillor Reavie (electronically)

### Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer  
Linda Rook, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

## 3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah  
Seconded by Councillor Plummer  
THAT the Agenda of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of December 15, 2020 be accepted as circulated.

**Carried**

## 4. Approval of Minutes

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie  
Seconded by Councillor Plummer  
THAT the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of November 17, 2020 be accepted as circulated.

**Carried**

## **5. New Business**

### **a. Pembroke Curling Centre – Request for One-Time Financial Support**

Mr. Lapierre reviewed the report. A discussion was held.

- Should financial support be granted as a loan with payback in the future?
- Grant of financial support could set a precedent and other organizations could come forward. Requests should be looked at on a case by case basis.
- The Pembroke Curling Centre anticipate being operational in 2021, and are asking for a one-time only financial support. The economic impact of reduced registration and depletion of reserves, due to COVID-19, has put the Centre in a difficult financial position.
- The Treasurer has suggested options where the relief may be funded from.

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

THAT the Committee approves a request from the Pembroke Curling Centre for one-time relief of 2020 property tax and water/sewer charges for the 2020-21 fiscal year, to be funded from the City's Safe Restart (COVID) funding received or, if ineligible, from available Youth Programming and Seniors Programming budgets.

**Carried**

### **b. Algonquin Trail**

Mr. Lapierre reviewed the report. A discussion was held.

- Allowing snowmobiles to utilize a portion of the Algonquin Trail in the City of Pembroke for this season, will provide residents in the vicinity with an opportunity to provide feedback.
- The City can learn from this season and use data for future decision making
- Staff are willing to provide a telephone number and email address for residents to provide comments.
- Restaurants and hotels in vicinity of the Algonquin Trail, within the City of Pembroke, have been hurt by COVID-19.
- If snowmobiles are allowed to come into Mackay Street, appropriate signage and barriers are required to ensure they are routed to turn around.
- City staff will speak with the County regarding trail ends and snowmobiles staying within boundaries.
- The Snow Country want the trail to work and will work with the City to ensure proper signage is put up in the city.

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That for snowmobile season 2020-2021 the City of Pembroke supports the use of the County of Renfrew owned Algonquin Trail within City boundaries between Greenside Street and East of Mackay Street for the purpose of snowmobile use as per the requirements stipulated in County of Renfrew By-Law 119-18 and any other relevant regulations or conditions deemed appropriate by the County.

**Carried**

**c. Proposed Community Pool**

Mr. Lapierre reviewed his information report. A discussion was held and the following points were raised:

- The community has voiced that it is interested in a new pool.
- Option #3 is the best option.
- Need to start fundraising, it will take the next couple of years to raise a substantial amount of funds.
- Re-furbishing of the old pool does not make sense.
- Take the time to plan properly.
- Should Option #3 be adopted in principal, pending discussion with stakeholders?

Moved by Mayor LeMay

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the Committee directs staff to proceed with the next steps associated with Option #3, the construction of a new aquatics facility including additional amenities such as a heated hydrotherapy pool, splash pad, activity room, etc., with a project cost in the range of \$9 – 11 million.

Mayor LeMay requested a recorded vote.

Yea: Mayor LeMay, Deputy Mayor Gervais, Councillors Abdallah, Jacyno, Plummer, Reavie

Nea: Councillor Lafreniere

**Carried**

**6. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

THAT the December 15, 2020 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

**Carried**