

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK**

**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**SESSION FOUR**

**MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006**

The Fourth Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Corporation of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, April 3, 2006, in the Municipal Administration Building Council Chamber.

Members present:	Mayor:	Keith Shier
	Regional Councillor:	Larry O'Connor
	Councillors:	Karen Windatt
		John Grant
		Debbie Bath
		Allan Simpson

Members absent:	Councillor:	Reg Starr
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Staff Members present:	Clerk-Administrator George S. Graham (recording the minutes)
	Deputy Clerk-Administrator Thomas G. Gettinby
	Clerk-Stenographer Susan Creighton
	Facilities Coordinator Mark Warvill

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Debbie Bath called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(1) 3rd meeting - March 6/06

Resolution No. 1-4

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee as held on March 6, 2006, be adopted as typed and circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

III. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS - N I L

IV. PETITIONS - N I L

V. COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED OR SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE

541 Old Town Hall Committee (Cannington) – Meeting Minutes – February 15/06

584 Wilfrid Community Hall Board – Minutes – January 26/06

652 Cannington Town Hall Committee – Minutes – March 15/06

681 Manilla Community Hall Board – Minutes – fax dated March 30/06

Councillor John Grant commented that the Manilla Community Hall Board has identified some needs and enquired how the Hall Board plans to fund these items to which Councillor Simpson advised that the Hall Board has spent approximately \$2,000.00 on new chairs for the hall and would like the municipality to fund new tables for the hall. As well the Hall Board would like to see the hall interior painted and the floors sanded. Councillor Simpson advised that the Manilla Hall was recently broken into and vandalized with the main entry and some interior doors being damaged to the extent that they will need to be replaced, and would the door replacement need to be a budget consideration or would they be replaced immediately in order to secure the premises? Councillor Simpson advised he will be addressing a policing issue at the Hall, during the Administration & Personnel Committee meeting to be held later in the day. He also

enquired whether the man who painted the kitchen at the hall is required to have insurance and WSIB coverages and was advised in the affirmative.

Facilities Coordinator Mark Warvill advised that the cost to replace the damaged doors is approximately \$3800.00 as they cannot be repaired.

Councillor John Grant enquired whether staff will proceed with the replacement of the damaged doors in order to secure the building and was advised by the Clerk-Administrator in the affirmative.

Councillor Debbie Bath advised that the Wilfrid and Manilla Hall Boards are required to provide to the municipality, on an annual basis, their year end financial statement, an outline of each Boards contributions to their respective hall and their list of capital budget items for budget consideration. She advised that this information is forthcoming from the Wilfrid Hall Board who have stepped up and taken ownership of the hall to ensure its continued use. She expressed concern with respect to a hall board member being paid for service and was advised by Councillor Simpson that the person having painted the hall has not officially been appointed to the hall board and is currently not doing any work within the hall.

Mayor Keith Shier enquired whether the damages would be covered by municipal insurance and was advised by the Clerk-Administrator that no claim will be made in this regard as the damages are less than the insurance deductible.

The committee was assured that staff are dealing with this issue.

Resolution No. 2-4

MOVED BY John Grant that communications 541, 584, 652 and 681 be received for information and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

542 Beaverton Figure Skating Club – request for reinstatement of ticket ice

A brief history on ticket ice was provided for the benefit of the members of the committee by the Clerk-Administrator.

Resolution No. 3-4

MOVED BY John Grant that the request for ticket ice from the Beaverton Figure Skating Club be referred to staff for report, reference communication 542.

MOTION CARRIED

567 George S. Graham – Report 2006-PR-05 – Application for Fee Exemption – Auxiliary to Lakeview Manor

Resolution No. 4-4

MOVED BY John Grant that communication 567 be received for information and the recommendation contained in Report 2006-PR-05 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

580 Mark Warvill – memo re: Beaverton Arena Renovations

Resolution No. 5-4

MOVED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee ask staff to include the cost of the proposed renovations to the Beaverton Arena in the 2006 budget discussions, reference communication # 580/06.

MOTION CARRIED

589 Denise Wilson – request re: tree planting

Resolution No. 6-4

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the Parks & Recreation Committee receive correspondence # 589/06 refer it to staff for a report re tree planting program.

MOTION CARRIED

637 Mark Warvill – Report 2006-PR-06 – Reducing Park Vandalism

Resolution No. 7-4

MOVED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Parks & Recreation Committee ask staff to include the items outlined in Report 2006-PR-06 for reducing park vandalism in the 2006 budget discussions, reference communication # 637/06.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors Windatt and Grant thanked the Facilities Coordinator for the time and effort spent on preparing this report, acknowledging the possibilities and requesting that costs be obtained for consideration during budget discussion.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor enquired whether the municipality would be able to take advantage of used hydro poles and lights in an effort to reduce costs and was advised that the municipality does take advantage of these opportunities when possible.

679 Mark Warvill – Report 2006-PR-07 – Proposed Sunderland Arena Spectator Heating; Proposed Sunderland Town Hall Dishwasher

Councillor Karen Windatt suggested that staff work closely with the Lions Club insofar as the installation of a dishwasher, noting that although compact models can be purchased, there must be space for the boxes of solution that are required as well as special plumbing and electrical hookups. She suggested that the Club consider a leasing arrangement inclusive of a maintenance agreement.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor commented that the arenas in Uxbridge, Manvers and Woodville have spectator heating and that perhaps operational costs could be obtained from these municipalities. He voiced his support for the installation of a dishwasher at the Sunderland Town Hall.

Councillors Grant and Windatt voiced their support for the project in principle, as long as the Lions Club works closely with staff.

Mayor Keith Shier advised of his support for the dishwasher, advising further of his concern with respect to operating costs for the proposed arena spectator seating heating. He enquired of the Facilities Coordinator whether the heat could be controlled in sections and was advised that consideration would be given to having the one section split into 2 sections for heat control. Mayor Shier advised he would like to see the run split into thirds.

Resolution No. 8-4

MOVED BY Allan Simpson that the Parks & Recreation Committee accept the request of the Sunderland Lions Club to install radiant heaters in the Sunderland Arena and the dishwasher in the kitchen of the Sunderland Town Hall as per communication # 679.

MOTION CARRIED

685 Judy Avery - memo re: Requests for daily watering of plantings in the three urban areas

Councillor John Grant voiced his support in this regard, advising that our downtown cores are improving and that flowers are a part of this improvement showing that the residents feel good about their town and welcome visitors thereto.

Resolution No. 9-4

MOVED BY John Grant that Parks and Recreation Committee recommend approval of 5 day per week watering as outlined in communication 685.

MOTION CARRIEDVI. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES - N I LVII. GENERAL ITEMS & ENQUIRIES

## (1) Clerk-Administrator George S. Graham – Brock Pride I Project

The Clerk-Administrator advised that issues with the South Lake Community Futures Development Corporation and the Brock Pride I Project have been resolved and the project is commencing.

## (2) Councillor Allan Simpson – Manilla Hall

Councillor Allan Simpson enquired of staff when the doors at the Manilla Hall will be replaced and was advised by the Facilities Coordinator that it will likely be 2-3 weeks.

## (3) Councillor John Grant – Beaverton's 125th Anniversary Group

Councillor John Grant advised he attended a meeting last week with respect to the organization of a non profit, incorporated organization to which members from all of Beaverton's non profit groups would be represented to prepare for Beaverton's 125th Anniversary. The group is looking to municipal involvement in the form of twinning with Beaverton, Michigan, support in kind and principle, assistance with applications for grants and a member of council to sit on the board. A deputation can be expected in the future.

Councillor Karen Windatt enquired of staff what has been the municipality's previous involvement with groups of this nature and was advised that it has been minimal as groups have always formed to organize events of this nature.

## (4) Councillor Karen Windatt – Update re Arenas

Councillor Karen Windatt enquired whether the ice plants have been shut down in our arenas and whether preparations are underway to remove the ice from the arenas to which the Facilities Coordinator advised in the affirmative in that staff will start removal of the ice this week.

## (5) Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath – 2006 Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival

Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath advised that regardless of the weather on Saturday, that the 2006 Maple Syrup Festival was a success with many vendors running out of product. She advised that the community was delighted with the Festival Ambassador, Elvis Priestly, aka Dorian Baxter, however that it was unfortunate that Mr. Baxter's Elvis jumpsuit was stolen from the Masonic Lodge where it was housed.

## (6) Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath – Communities in Bloom Conference

Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath advised that she and the Director of Public Works recently attended a Communities in Bloom Conference and that a further report will be forthcoming in this regard. She advised that Communities in Bloom is not just flowers and that many of the smaller communities represented at the conference are very willing to share information and experience.

Mayor Keith Shier advised he knows a Communities in Bloom judge who lives in Pickering and that she would be most willing to speak with the committee in this regard.

(7) Public Questions and Clarification

Mrs. Denise Wilson commented that she thinks the installation of spectator heating in the Sunderland Arena is a good idea and that it is important to be able to control the areas of heat. She commented that she can assume that the heaters will not be operative if there is no one in the stands and was advised in the affirmative. Mrs. Wilson also commented that she can assume that the staff person who will undertake the plant waterings during the summer will also look after watering new trees, to which the Chair advised in the affirmative, however that the business owners will also need to take some ownership in the plantings and water those close to their business locations.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 10-4

MOVED BY Keith Shier that we do now adjourn at 12:33 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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CHAIR

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