

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK**

**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**SESSION NINE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

The Ninth Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Corporation of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, November 6, 2006, in the Municipal Administration Building Council Chamber.

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

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 11:00 a.m.

**II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(1) 8th meeting - October 2/06

Resolution No. 1-9

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the minutes of the 8th meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee as held on October 2, 2006, be adopted as typed and circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**III. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS**

**11:00 a.m.** – Beaverton Figure Skating Club – Sandra Wickett, Margaret Munro, Christine Reid – ticket ice

Sandra Wickett, Margaret Munro and Christine Reid attended on behalf of the Beaverton Figure Skating Club to address the issue of ticket ice at the community centres. Mrs. Wickett advised that their club members are still having to go elsewhere for ticket ice because Brock does not permit the club coach on the ice during ticket ice. She advised of the need for the coach to be permitted on the ice during ticket ice for instruction purposes and because in skating pairs, the coach acts as the partner during ticket ice. Trillium Funding has allowed the club to purchase a skating harness to assist skaters in perfecting different jumps/moves, and this harness cannot be used unless a coach is present. Mrs. Wickett also mentioned the possibility of a liability issue with Skate Canada as well as the fact that student members are missing school due to having to travel out of the municipality for ticket ice time with their coach. It was pointed out that other municipalities permit the coach on the ice during ticket ice time.

Margaret Munro pointed out that arena prime time ice commences at 4:00 p.m. daily, however the ice is almost always vacant from 4-5 p.m. weekly, and the municipality would be better to accept income as the result of ticket ice rather than no income at all during this time frame. She requested that the municipality consider designating this time frame as non-prime time, which could be used for ticket ice, unless of course another group had booked a rental during this time.

Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath commented that a concern has been raised that by permitting the coach on the ice during ticket ice time, that the municipality is subsidizing

the coach, to which Christine Reid advised that this is not the case in that an individual's ticket ice time and the coach is paid for by the individual and the municipality is simply providing a safe venue for the skaters.

Councillor John Grant requested clarification as to the reasoning for the cancellation of ticket ice and was advised that it appeared as though the clubs using ticket ice were canceling regular ice time in lieu of ticket ice which was less expensive.

Mrs. Wickett advised that the Beaverton Figure Skating Club has never taken advantage of ticket ice in this regard.

Christine Reid advised that the Club would book extra ice time if their membership was larger, something they are working on, however does book extra ice for special events such as competitions.

Margaret Munro commented that the 4-5:00 p.m. time slot is too early for most parents to drive their children to the arena and that it would be used by senior skaters who can get there on their own.

Councillor Reg Starr advised that the Schedule of Arena Rental Rates was finalized by the committee in the spring and enquired of the deputation why they had not approached the committee prior to this meeting. Margaret Munro advised that they were not aware of the ticket ice conditions until this fall and that the club does not make use of the ice surface in the spring when rental rates are discussed for the following season.

Mayor Keith Shier enquired whether ticket ice was initially intended for practice vs. instruction and was advised by the Clerk-Administrator its intended use was practice, however it has taken on new meaning over the years.

Margaret Munro commented that over 30 years ago her sister skated with her coach on ticket ice time.

#### Resolution No. 2-9

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the Parks & Recreation Committee recommend to Council that the ticket ice program be extended to include the 4 to 5 p.m. timeframe if no long term user request that time, also that coaches be allowed on the ice during ticket ice.

Councillor Reg Starr enquired whether the intent of the motion is to apply to the Sunderland and Cannington Arenas and was advised in the affirmative.

Mayor Keith Shier commented that our arenas cost money to operate and that although ticket ice is municipal revenue, the public does question some municipal business practices. He enquired of the deputation how many skaters would use ticket ice per session and was advised a maximum of 8 skaters at \$6.00 per skater. Mayor Shier enquired as to the regular ice rental fee vs. monies generated through ticket ice, to which Margaret Munro commented some income is better than no income.

Councillor John Grant enquired whether ticket ice is exclusive to use by the figure skating clubs and was advised it is not.

Councillor Reg Starr requested that the ticket ice use be monitored to ensure it is not being abused and was assured by the deputation that they will monitor their ticket ice time in this regard.

Councillor Allan Simpson enquired whether use of the 4-5:00 p.m. time slot would be first come, first served and was advised in the affirmative.

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MOTION CARRIED

Chair/Councillor Debbie Bath enquired whether some skaters use other arena facilities because of arenas in the municipality not being regulation size and was advised this is not the case. She further enquired whether any skaters from Sunderland travel to Beaverton and was advised this is not the case, however, some coaches bring in skaters from other clubs to use the Beaverton Arena.

Resolution No. 3-9

MOVED BY Reg Starr that we break for a 5 minute recess at 11:35 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Debbie Bath reconvened the meeting at 11:40 a.m., with Regional Councillor O'Connor, Councillors Windatt, and Simpson, Mayor Shier, Clerk-Administrator George Graham, Clerk-Stenographer Susan Creighton and Facilities Coordinator Mark Warvill in attendance. Councillors Starr and Grant and the Deputy Clerk-Administrator were not present.

IV. PETITIONS – N I L

V. COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED OR SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE

1986 Board of Management for the Cannington Town Hall – Minutes of Meeting – September 13/06

2131 Ministry of Tourism – Bulletin from Ontario Tourism Minister Jim Bradley

2386 Ontario Community Newspapers Association – Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards – nomination package

Resolution No. 4-9

MOVED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee receive communications # 1986, 2131 & 2386 for information and file.

MOTION CARRIED

2372 Beaverton Horticultural Society – Watering of Town Beds & Hanging Baskets

Resolution No. 5-9

MOVED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee receive communication # 2372 from the Beaverton Horticultural Society, pass along the thank-yous to appropriate Public Works Staff and ask to include this annual request in 2007 budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Reg Starr attended the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

VI. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES – N I L

VII. GENERAL ITEMS & ENQUIRIES

(1) Mayor Keith Shier – Flowers on Main Streets

Mayor Keith Shier enquired of the Facilities Coordinator whether he has any suggestions for improving the plantings on the main streets of each village within the municipality. He was advised that the type of hanging basket being used seems to hold moisture better and daily watering may be reduced to every other day.

Chair/Councillor Bath cautioned that reduction in watering may only be possible in certain areas of the municipality.

Councillor Karen Windatt commented that technology is always improving and that the issue of watering can be discussed annually.

(2) Councillor Allan Simpson – Christmas Decorations for Sunderland

Councillor Allan Simpson enquired of the Facilities Coordinator the status/installation of Christmas Decorations for the Sunderland area and was advised by Mr. Warvill that he does not know the status of the decorations, however he will look into this and report back.

(3) Public Questions and Clarification

Denise Wilson applauded the municipality for the trees which are being planted in the park in Sunderland.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 6-9

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that we do now adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY