

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

SESSION EIGHT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006

The Eighth Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Corporation of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, October 2, 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 10:41 a.m.

II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(1) 7th meeting - September 11/06

Resolution No. 1-8

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee as held on September 11, 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

1911 Laura Leathley – expressing appreciation for operation of summer day camp

2012 Durham Family YMCA 2006 Peace Medallion Award – requesting nominations for 2006 Peace Medallion Award

2026 Durham Lives! – physical activity contest

2031 Ministry of Tourism – Tourism Performance Update, September 2006

2071 Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society – Invitation to 30 year Anniversary Celebrations of Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society

Resolution No. 2-8

MOVED BY John Grant that communications 1911, 2012, 2026, 2031 and 2071 be received for information and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

2024 Brock Township Public Library Board – request for declaration of October 2006 as Library Month

Resolution No. 3-8

MOVED BY Reg Starr that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee declare October 2006 as Library Month, reference communication # 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

2035 Dale St. John, Sunderland Lions Music Festival Chairman – 100th Anniversary of the Sunderland Town Hall

Resolution No. 4-8

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the Parks & Recreation Committee recommend to Council the request of \$1,000 be approved from the Sunderland Town Hall repairs surplus as allocated in the 2006 budget as per request in correspondence 2035/06.

MOTION CARRIED

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor commented that this event has special significance to the community and municipal sponsorship of the creation of the banner requested is appropriate township participation.

Councillor Allan Simpson thanked Regional Councillor O'Connor for this motion and enquired of staff whether they have had the opportunity to look for artifacts suitable for display during this event.

2040 Councillor Debbie Bath, Chair of the Municipal Alcohol Policy Advisory Committee – Report 2006-PR-11 – Township of Brock Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) – Second Policy Review

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor enquired of the Chair whether she feels the Municipal Alcohol Policy is appropriate and the recommendation adequate, to which the Chair advised in the affirmative, adding that there have been some changes to the policy, the main one of note being the deletion of the town hall facilities being eligible for a SOP. She added that this is a temporary deletion, in that the MAP Review Committee had some concerns that exits and washroom facilities require patrons to go up and down stairs and from a safety/liability point of view the Review Committee would like the input of staff as to whether or not this is an issue.

Chair Debbie Bath thanked the members of the Review Committee, inclusive of municipal staff members Mark Warvill and Anne Collins, adding further that Brock Township's Municipal Alcohol Policy has been rated at 99% by the Durham Health Department and will be used as an example for other municipalities. She advised that the Junior Farmer representation was a valuable addition to the Review Committee in that the representative attended every meeting and provided valuable input.

Mayor Keith Shier enquired whether the safety/liability issue was the only reason for the deletion of the town hall facilities being eligible for an SOP, and was advised in the affirmative. Mayor Shier enquired when this report can be expected and was advised by the Chair as soon as possible.

Resolution No. 5-8

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends the approval and adoption of the Township of Brock Municipal Alcohol Policy in Report 2006-PR-11 as per communication # 2040/06.

Councillor John Grant commented that wine and cheese events are usually associated with arts functions and are different from and of shorter duration than most SOP events. He advised of his support for the motion as long as staff keep this in mind. He further enquired whether the Beaverton Town Hall Players have been approached in this regard and was advised they have not.

Councillor Allan Simpson advised that wine and cheese events are rare and he does not want to see the town hall facilities eliminated as being eligible for an SOP event. He

further advised that the Sunderland Town Hall has an elevator and the front stairs have been refurbished so that the report pertaining to the Sunderland Town Hall should be a positive one. He commented that the back stairs could be closed to use during an SOP event.

Mayor Keith Shier suggested a friendly amendment to the motion, suggesting that the town hall facilities remain eligible for a SOP until after a safety report has been undertaken, however upon consideration of this suggestion, it was agreed that the policy be approved as presented and be reviewed once again following a staff report.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor commented that the policy is well done agreeing that the policy be accepted as presented and reviewed upon receipt of a staff report at the November Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. He thanked those involved past and present in the creation of the policy, noting that this policy and the Brock Community Needs Study played an important role in the evolution of the Community Health Centre.

Resolution No. 5-8

MOVED BY Larry O'Connor that the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends the approval and adoption of the Township of Brock Municipal Alcohol Policy in Report 2006-PR-11 as per communication # 2040/06.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Debbie Bath advised that anyone wanting to host a SOP event within the town halls could make application to do so, prior to this issue being finalized, due to the concern expressed that this policy could impact the events planned in Sunderland on November 26/06.

2044 Brock Information – Internet Access for Brock Information

Councillor Reg Starr advised that he and municipal staff have met with staff from Brock Information pertaining to their request for internet access, advising that they are not able to connect to the library's access as it is at capacity and cannot afford the \$720.00 annual expense for a business modem. He enquired as to the status of the monies granted to Brock Information in conjunction with the administration of the Homelessness Initiative Program and was advised by the Clerk-Administrator that because it was a requirement that the partner administering this program be incorporated, the municipality assumed the role. The administration funds became the municipality's funds and by resolution were granted to Brock Information to assist in their operations. He advised that a motion to release these monies annually would be required. He further noted that there is a very real possibility that one day the North Durham Social Development Council and/or North House will take entire responsibility of this program and the administrative fee will cease.

Resolution No. 6-8

MOVED BY Reg Starr that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee request staff to release grant funds from the Homelessness Program administered by Brock Township to Brock Information as per communication 2044/06.

MOTION CARRIED

2047 Mark Warvill – Report 2006-PR-12 – Resolution Regarding Cannington Library Site

Resolution No. 7-8

MOVED BY Reg Starr that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee adopt the recommendations contained within Report 2006-PR-12, reference communication # 2047.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Reg Starr advised that it has become apparent that there are no vacant rooms within Cannington into which the tenants of the building could be relocated so a decision has been made to install the appropriate heating units, albeit in an old building, as a band-aid solution which would permit the tenants to remain within the building at this time.

The Clerk-Administrator confirmed that the relocation of the tenants using the building would be an issue and that staff are waiting for the Region of Durham Health Department to undertake air quality testing within the facility. If the air quality testing results are positive the tenants can remain. Staff are also currently investigating whether the furnace can be relocated for use in the central administration building when it is converted to gas.

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor enquired whether there are any asbestos concerns with respect to the building and was advised there are not as the old furnace will not be dismantled at this time.

Mayor Keith Shier voiced his support for the motion, advising that the building would still need some form of heat even if the tenants were relocated.

2048 Mark Warvill – memo re: Sunderland Town Hall Auditorium Repairs

Resolution No. 8-8

MOVED BY Allan Simpson that Parks & Recreation Committee pay for the repairs to the Sunderland Town Hall as detailed in Report # 2048/06 re estimated costs of approximately \$7,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

In discussing the repairs to be undertaken at the Sunderland Town Hall, it was noted that those using the facility often drag the chairs across the hardwood floors which really cuts down on the lifespan of the refinishing. Councillor Allan Simpson advised that there exists at the town hall a special cart which has been especially made to move the stacks of chairs to prevent damage to the floor and it should be utilized.

2070 Cannington Historical Society – Request to install a park bench at MacLeod Park, Cannington

Resolution No. 9-8

MOVED BY Reg Starr that Brock Township Parks & Recreation has no objection to the request contained within communication 2070/06.

MOTION CARRIED

VI. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES – N I L

VII. GENERAL ITEMS & ENQUIRIES

(1) Golf Tournament Committee – Report No. 2006-PR-13 – Charity Golf Tournament Proceeds

Councillor John Grant enquired whether the MMPS School Community Council would be eligible for further funding from the 2006 golf tournament funds and was advised that the School Community Council is the recipient of the largest single contribution to date, however all requests will go forward for consideration of dispersement of 2006 funds.

Councillor Grant pointed out that Minor Balls' request was for 1750.00 and they are only receiving \$1189.00. He was advised that this was all the funding that was available following allocation commitment at this time.

Councillor Reg Starr enquired whether the 50% rule is being followed as per the policy adopted and was advised in the affirmative. He further enquired whether an ad has been placed in the local paper advising of the availability of the 2006 funds and was advised an ad has not been placed, however a news article appeared in last weeks edition of the Brock Citizen as has been past practice. Councillor Starr enquired whether the November 1 deadline is an adequate time line and was advised in the affirmative and as well the form is available on the municipal website.

Resolution No. 10-8

MOVED BY Karen Windatt that Brock Township Parks & Recreation Committee receive Report 2006-PR-12 Golf Tournament Proceeds and accept the recommendations of the subcommittee to allocate funds as outlined.

MOTION CARRIED

(2) Councillor John Grant – Administration & Personnel Committee

Councillor John Grant advised that a short Administration & Personnel Committee meeting will take place following the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

(3) Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor – Press Release re: CHC Funding

Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor advised that members of committee can expect to receive in their municipal mail boxes, a news release pertaining to \$75,000.00 in funding that has been received by the CHC.

(4) Councillor Allan Simpson – ATV Information Session

Councillor Allan Simpson advised that he had recently attended an ATV Information Session in Uxbridge and due to the loud traffic noises from Regional Road 23, he was unable to hear the presentation by Dr. Kyle of the Regional Health Department. He enquired whether staff could obtain this information and was advised by Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor that he will contact Dr. Kyle to obtain this information.

(5) Mayor Keith Shier – Request for support re: OMAFRA Regional Information Coordinator

Mayor Keith Shier advised he has received an email from the Regional Rural Economic Development Officer, Marlene Werry in which she asked whether the Townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge would be receptive to a letter being sent on their behalf in support of the Regional Information Coordinator position in the Lindsay OMAFRA Office. The committee was in favour of this request.

(6) Councillor Reg Starr – Former Hydro Building, Cannington

Councillor Reg Starr requested that staff advise the tenants in the former Hydro Building in Cannington of the action to be taken, i.e. Brock Information, the Library and the Senior Citizens Group.

(7) Chair Debbie Bath – Arenas

Chair Debbie Bath advised that the ice has been installed in all three of the municipality's arenas.

(8) Councillor Allan Simpson – Sunderland Arena Spectator Heating

Councillor Allan Simpson advised that the overhead spectator heating has been installed at the Sunderland Arena with proceeds raised through the efforts of the Sunderland Lions Club.

(9) Public Questions and Clarification

There were no public questions for clarification.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 11-8

MOVED BY Reg Starr that we do now adjourn at 11:52 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY