
MEETING DATE: Thursday May 7, 2020 – 1:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Present: Vickie vanRavenswaay (Director of Recreation, Culture & Wellness)
Julie Cook (Recreation and Wellness Programmer)
Karen Blake (RCW Administrative Assistant)
Councillor Marianne Stewart
Tim Toffolo (Jr. B Pelham Panthers)
Spencer Tanguay (Pelham Raiders Lacrosse Association)
Byron Sinclair (Pelham Minor Hockey Association)
Kevin Yochim (Southern Tier Admirals)
Jessica Sackett (Niagara Centre Skating Club)
Doug Freeland (Service Club Representative)
Brian Bleich (Pelham Basketball Association)
James Allen (Facility Supervisor)

Absent with Regrets:

1 WELCOME

The Chair, Tim Toffolo, declared quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. Tim expressed his condolences to the Cioffi family and introduced Councillor Stewart. Members introduced themselves and their organizations to Councillor Stewart.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Kevin Yochim

Seconded by: Jessica Sackett

THAT the agenda for the May 7, 2020, MCC User Group Roundtable Committee Meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Spencer Tanguay

Seconded by: Brian Bleich

THAT the Minutes of the February 13, 2020 MCC User Group Roundtable Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5 COVID-19 IMPACTS

Vickie updated the Committee on the MCC operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and the communications that the Recreation Department has had with recreation associations, other municipalities, public health and higher level of governments regarding programming, operations and reopening.

6 SUMMER AND FALL/WINTER ALLOCATIONS

Julie updated the Committee that Fall/Winter Allocations will be sent out as usual at the beginning of July. Jessica questioned if the user groups' governing bodies cut their allocated time for the 2020/2021 season if this time would be lost for following seasons.

Motion by: Jessica Sackett

Seconded by: Brian Bleich

THAT the Committee and Staff will consult the 2019/2020 season when assigning the Meridian Community Centre facility allocations for the 2021/2022 season.

CARRIED

Julie mentioned that at least for the 2020/2021 season, user groups may have to compromise allocations as the Town may be required to clean between users according to public health regulations. The 2020/2021 MCC allocations will be assigned in accordance to public health regulations and industry recommendations.

The Committee discussed the use and sanitization of change rooms, entrances and exits for the MCC, temperatures taken upon entry and the many unknowns of the gradual reopening of the facility.

7 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Each organization spent time discussing how COVID-19 has affected their seasons. The Committee discussed the following topics:

- **Lacrosse:** Cancelled all on-floor activities until August 31st, 2020. They have cancelled their Paperweight Tournament and all Niagara Region lacrosse centres have cancelled their seasons. On May 15th, 2020, an update will be made about the Minto Cup.
- **AAA:** Fall/Winter season is on hold at the moment. However, Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) announced that there will be no tournaments held until 2021.
- **JR B:** Tim updated the Committee that JR B teams will not be able to play outside of their region and the league is preparing to play regionally. Tim stated the Hockey Canada has suspended all events until the end of August. Registration that is supposed to open June 1st, 2020 will not and there will be no collection of funds.
- **Basketball:** Currently, looking to begin the season in January 2021. Brian is planning his schedule with this in mind. Registration is going ahead but with no payments collected.
- **Figure Skating:** Skate Canada has cancelled all summer events and competitions but are currently planning for a usual Fall/Winter season. Jess noted that they may be limiting group sizes.
- **Minor Hockey:** Byron updated the Committee that Minor Hockey has heard very limited information from the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA). They are open to registration with no payment collected. They are waiting on public health regulations. The merge between Welland, Thorold and Pelham has been put on hold.
- **Service Clubs:** Doug stated the volunteer organizations are struggling during this time, however are still providing service to the Community.
- **Council:** Councillor Stewart updated the Committee on the approval of the new ice technology for the MCC. Installation for the technology will be within the next month.
- **Reopening:** Vickie stated that the MCC will opening in accordance to Public Health regulations and according to need. There will be a good chance that staff will limit the number of attendees within the building.

8 OTHER BUSINESS

9 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: **June 4th, 2020 – Time TBD**

10 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Spencer Tanguay
Second by: Jess Sackett

The meeting of the MCC User Group Roundtable Committee, May 7, 2020
adjourned at 2:01pm.



Tim Toffolo (Jun 26, 2020 08:07 EDT)

Chair of MCC User Group Roundtable Committee
Tim Toffolo



RCW Administrative Assistant
Karen Blake