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Kenora Event Centre Committee Minutes

**Wednesday December 10, 2013
5:30 p.m.
LOW Brew Co Meeting Room**

PRESENT: Chris Van Walleghem, Co-Chair
Mike Dietsch, Co-Chair
Rory McMillan, Councillor (arrived at 5:48 pm)
Judy Bain
Laci Dingwall
Ruth Illman
Megan Derouard, Recreation Programmer
Colleen Neil, Recreation Manager
Kerri Holder, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: David Nelson, Nelson Architecture Inc.
Jeff Penner, Stantec
Warren Thompson, Stantec

Chris Van Walleghem called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

A. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof:

- 1) On Today's Agenda**
- 2) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance**
There were none declared.

B. Confirmation of Minutes:

Moved by L. Dingwall, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried:-

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Kenora Event Centre Committee meeting held October 31, 2013; and

Moved by J. Bain, Seconded by M. Dietsch & Carried:-

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Kenora Event Centre Committee held on November 6, 2013 be confirmed as written and filed.

C. Items:

1. Fundraising

Although this project is not at the fundraising stage, it was noted that including fundraising on the agenda is a reminder to continue collecting and sharing funding models ideas for future reference. There was

discussion about the fundraising information that Ruth had provided to the Committee by e-mail since the last meeting also.

Megan brought a photo of the preferred style of coin drop box to share with the group. There was discussion about the cost of the box and whether there was money to buy it. It was explained that options to have it made locally were explored however it was found that this will be difficult to construct and more expensive. It was suggested to consider asking a community partner to purchase the coin drop box and make it available for this project and other groups to use for fundraising efforts at the recreation centre. As a representative of minor hockey, Mike offered to consider this purchase.

2. Seniors Centre Presentation

Chris and Ruth attended the Seniors Centre meeting on December 2nd to present information about this project. Chris read a paragraph from the article Ruth Bowiec had written for the newspaper about the presentation and the concerns raised by the Seniors group. The concerns expressed were that the Seniors Centre felt they were not consulted in this process and that they have had space taken away. Colleen indicated that there has been more given to the Seniors Centre since the last expansion and would like to clarify what space has been taken away. There was an inquiry about whether the Seniors Centre had been included in the user group consultations. It was confirmed that they were not included and neither were other Recreation Centre tenants. It was thought however that a representative from the Seniors Centre was at the public session where there was opportunity for feedback. Mike expressed concern that the tenants are missing from the collection of feedback and it was agreed that the tenants should be contacted. It was noted that other groups may come forward as major contributors, sponsoring rooms, entry ways or naming rights, and may have input also. It was noted that there are multi-use and multi-purpose spaces being proposed that would appeal to the Senior Centre. It was suggested to respond to the Seniors Centre with an invitation to be part of further consultation as the project moves along.

3. User Group Consultations

The Stantec team presented four concept designs developed from the information collected at the user group consultations and other documentation gathered previously. Warren gave an overview of the philosophy and supporting ideas for the concept designs also explaining the reasons to develop at the current facility and site as opposed to other possible sites within the City. It was identified that the purpose for the expansion is not only to add an ice surface but include other multipurpose spaces and create a meeting place in the community. The feedback gathered revealed the community wants a facility that allows access to many groups and it was noted that the concepts were developed in line with the City of Kenora's focus on tourism and economic development.

David and Jeff showed the four concept designs individually explaining the differences of each and the reasons for those differences. It was noted that the purpose of the presentation was to gather the

Committee's input to identify preferred options that will shape a refined final concept. A basic model was presented as well as one with elaborate features and two others somewhere in between. The building development budgets ranged from 12 million to 22 million however the numbers will have to be considered in detail after a final concept is selected and the project is approved to move on to the next stages.

Each concept illustrated unique layouts of the main pieces to be included in the project. The orientation and location of the second ice surface in relation to the existing ice surface changed with each concept. The concepts addressed athlete and people flow through the facility, as well as position of administrative offices and service/maintenance areas. There was also consideration for development of Laurenson Creek, the Canada Trail and other green space on the site, as well as outdoor activities and courts. The existing docking and boat ramp facilities were included, as well as vehicle and boat trailer parking. Traffic flow in and around the facility, drop off areas and parking lot locations were also considered with each layout. The location and number of entrances differed with each design. Dressing rooms, training space, break out rooms, and other transitional spaces were included. A concourse level was illustrated, providing viewing areas, retail spaces, concessions and pathways through the facility. Some concepts showed a reserved location for private investor construction of a hotel to accommodate families and players attending the facility. Options for future expansion were worked into some concepts also.

There was discussion about convertibility of the spaces and about take down and set up for events. There was discussion about the size of ice rink and seating capacity for both hockey tournaments and other events or banquets. Colleen mentioned that it would be best to have the administration offices in central location to welcome the public. It was noted that a space for administration/ticket sellers for tournaments needed to be included. There was discussion about the orientation of the second ice surface, the distance to the change rooms and separate players entrances also. There were questions about programming and Jeff offered to send information about programming for the group to comment on. The Committee members expressed a need to thoroughly review the plans following the meeting. It was agreed that David would send the four concept designs to the group by e-mail and that the group can respond with comments and ideas within a week or so.

4. Next Council Update

The concept recommendation will be presented at the next Committee of the Whole meeting to be held on January 14, 2014. Kerri to prepare deputation.

5. Next Steps

The Committee will review the four concepts and provide input to the Stantec team. A final concept design will be presented by Stantec at the January Event Centre Committee meeting and recommendation for Council will be made in January.

J. Penner

D. Nelson

K. Holder

6. New Business

None

7. Communications and/or Announcements

The 2014 Meeting Schedule was planned as follows:

January 7

February 11

March 18

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 18

December 9

9. Next Meeting Dates

- Tuesday January 7, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.