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Kenora Event Centre Committee Minutes

**Tuesday, July 4, 2013
5:30 p.m.**

Kenora Recreation Centre Meeting Room

PRESENT: Chris Van Walleghem, Co-Chair
Rory McMillan, Councillor
Ruth Illman
Judy Bain
Laci Dingwall
Colleen Neil, Recreation Manager
Megan Derouard, Recreation Programmer
Heather Lajeunesse, Deputy Clerk
Kerri Holder, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS: Mike Dietsch, Co-Chair
Ron Lunny, Councillor

Chris VanWalleghem called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 R. Illman, Seconded by J. Bain & Carried:-

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Kenora Event Centre Committee meeting held June 4, 2013 be confirmed as written and filed.

C. Items:

1. Survey Results

A draft copy of a summary of the survey results were distributed at the meeting. Laci reviewed the survey results with the group giving an analysis of each question. There were 415 respondents to the survey and combined with the facilitated meeting, an overall public response of over 500 was gathered. It was agreed that the data from the facilitated meeting and on-line survey differ as the response thought processes are not the same. It was agreed the results from the survey were similar to the public meeting results, showing nothing different. It was noted that the community sector information provided valuable information. The overall response has been mostly positive, including those

related to funding. It was noted that there was still a low response from the student demographic and was agreed that the Committee may need to target that demographic next time public input is sought. It was also noted that the seasonal resident demographic response level was not as high as expected. There were very few negative responses, which was unexpected. It was agreed that the responses represented a significant percentage of the population of Kenora. It was agreed that these results will be good to present to Council.

2. Next Steps

Laci continues to work on compiling the recent survey results in combination with the public meeting results to create an executive summary which will eventually be distributed. Laci added that she will have a summary report prepared for the deputation at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Colleen will email all the facilitated meeting attendees to thank them for participating and also share information about what stage the Committee is at. Councillor McMillan and Colleen will prepare a summary to email to funding groups and MPs to inform them of the Committee's progress in order to keep them updated.

It was agreed that the next meeting will focus mainly on the next steps and how to move forward towards a conceptual design of the facility. Colleen suggested the Committee meet with a project management company to get advice on how to move forward. She noted that project management companies focus on the project as a whole and are not specific to particular components.

The Committee is looking for Council's support to determine what the next steps will be. It was suggested to ask Council to support approaching a project management company to assist with the next steps. It was agreed from the planning process, the Committee is on target.

3. COW Meeting Deputation – July 9, 2013

Laci indicated that she will distribute the draft summary report to update all the Committee members prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting which will be held Tuesday July 9 at 9:00am.

4. Sprung Performance Arenas

Mayor Canfield had provided Chris with some information he had received from a sales person for Sprung Performance Arenas, which specializes in dome arenas. The representative had asked the Mayor to share with the Committee and indicated that he would like to meet with them. It was noted that Sprung is presently working on a project in Collingwood.

5. New Business

Ruth referred to the 2007 Major Recreation Facility Strategy indicating that recreation parameters and philosophies should be considered when Council next reviews the Official Plan.

Councillor McMillan shared that he will be attending an AMO conference and may have the opportunity to meet with ministers and discuss partnerships, adding that it will also be good to keep MP Greg Rickford updated on the Committee's progress.

6. Communications and/or Announcements

There were no communications or announcements.

L. Dingwall

C. Neil

R. McMillan

7. Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday July 30, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.