



ACTION

Kenora Event Centre Committee Minutes

September 8, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Kenora Recreation Centre Upstairs Meeting Room

PRESENT: Chris Van Walleghem, Co-Chair
Judy Bain
Laci Dingwall
Ruth Illman
Megan Derouard, Recreation Programmer
Kerri Holder, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS: Mike Dietsch, Co-Chair
Rory McMillan, Councillor
Colleen Neil, Recreation Manager
Heather Kasprick, City Clerk

Chris Van Walleghem called the meeting to order at 5:37 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 M. Derouard & Carried -

That the Minutes of the last meetings of the Kenora Event Centre Committee meeting held July 8, 2014 be confirmed as written and filed.

C. Items:

4. Presentation Creation

The Committee will be attending several stakeholder board meetings this month to make presentations about this project and promote the upcoming fundraiser. The pieces of the presentation and key points to include were discussed. Combining existing presentation materials, various project documents and the final Stantec report were suggested. Adding the economic benefits measured from the National Midget Tournament and Allan Cup was mentioned and it was suggested these numbers may be available from Lake of the Woods Business Incentive Corporation.

It was decided that the brochure could be updated with Q & As, a summary of progress and where to direct questions. Laci to revamp the brochure. Chris will be presenting at the first meeting, with perhaps Rory and Megan contributing as well.

5. New Business

Given the upcoming election, it was mentioned that it would be ideal for a Committee representative to attend an all candidates forum to pose questions about support for this project. There was discussion about whether the Committee was permitted to participate and whether or not the Committee would still stand at the time of any forums are held. Encouraging others, such as ice user groups and arts clubs, to attend the candidate forums to find out if candidates have interest in moving the project forward was recommended also. It was noted there is an all candidates forum hosted by the Kenora & District Chamber of Commerce on October 16th at 6:45 pm at the Best Western Lakeside Inn, as well as a forum hosted by Young Professionals Network, date to be announced.

The momentum of the project was discussed, as public inquiries have been received about what is happening now. At this point, the funding applications and the fundraiser event for the business case are the main focus.

6. Communications and/or Announcements

a) Funding Applications

The Committee is waiting for replies from both FedNor and Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. There was an inquiry about timelines however these details were not known. Colleen may be able to provide an update at next meeting.

b) Just Add Ice Fundraiser

The plans for the fundraiser are coming along with many tables sold and the venue and entertainment booked. There was discussion about the details of buffet dinner and what is included with ticket price for corporate tables. Corporate tables for eight can be purchased for \$1,500. Tax receipts can be requested also.

8. Next Meeting Date

- October 14, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.