



# Municipality of West Elgin

## Minutes

### West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management

March 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

West Elgin Community Complex - Hybrid Meeting

160 Main St

West Lorne

Electronic Hybrid Meeting

**Present:** Ken Loveland  
Jim Hathaway  
Bill Denning  
Richard Leatham

**Regrets:** Terry Weed

**Staff Present:** Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations and Community Services  
Adam Ecker, Recreation Supervisor  
Brittany Jessome

**Also Present:** Jessica Small, West Lorne Minor Hockey

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair K. Loveland called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

**Moved:** Jim Hathaway

**Seconded:** Richard Leatham

That West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby adopts the Agenda as presented.

**Carried**

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

No disclosures

**4. Minutes**

**Moved:** Jim Hathaway

**Seconded:** Bill Denning

That West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management Committee adopt the minutes of February 08, 2023 as circulated and printed.

**Carried**

**5. Financials**

**Moved:** Bill Denning

**Seconded:** Jim Hathaway

That the West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby receives the Financials as of February 28, 2023.

**Carried**

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Skating Club Update**

Jim Hathaway reported that activities with the skating club have been running smooth. They are finished March 29, 2023 and expressed they have done quite well this year.

**6.2 Minor Hockey Update**

Jessica Small reported the U11 Rep team has made it to the OMHA Finals. U9 and U18 are still playing, and the remaining teams are either finishing their season or have finished. They are working on opening registration for next season as soon as possible. Their Annual General Meeting is upcoming on April 12, 2023, and they are hosting a Year End Award Ceremony on April 29, 2023. Their current efforts have been focused on the Kraft Hockeyville competition.

**6.3 Kraft Hockeyville**

Jessica Small reported that herself and Maryjo Tait are leading the project, but have many community volunteers and members from the West Lorne

Minor Hockey Association who are assisting in the project. They are solidifying plans for voting day and will have those results very soon. They have been able to secure considerable social media traction, including CTV London, Mike Stubbs, Breakfast Television, Strathroy Today, CFPL, St. Thomas Journal, AM 980, FM 96, and Blackburn 98.1. Press kits will be sent out soon and they have connected with many other local Municipalities, including Lucan who won Kraft Hockeyville in 2018. Print materials and banners are also being ordered and should be coming soon. Voting stations will be set up for March 31 and April 1 voting days. There will be pre-registration set up at the West Elgin Community Health Centre and volunteers going to Bobier Long Term Care Home to help seniors and citizens unable to vote with electronic devices on their own.

Lee Gosnell brought to the Board's attention a letter to the Municipality requesting assistance for Kraft Hockeyville preparations. Jessica reported that there are many people in the community donating marketing materials but they are requesting funding to help offset the costs. They are also asking for usage of additional/spare tablets, iPads, etc. from the Municipality to be used during the voting period.

The Rally held on the day of voting must be located in West Lorne as per Kraft Hockeyville advisors and will be held at West Elgin Secondary School where media coverage will be set up. They would like to use the arena on the day of to host celebratory events such as a Fireman's Breakfast, entertainment, etc.

Jim Hathaway inquired how private businesses would go about making individual donations. Jessica advised that donations should be made to West Lorne Minor Hockey.

**Moved:** Ken Loveland

**Seconded:** Bill Denning

That The West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management make a \$2000 donation to the West Lorne Kraft Hockeyville Committee.

**Carried**

## **7. Staff Operations Update**

Lee Gosnell reported that staff have been busy assisting with Kraft Hockeyville preparations. Ice should be out of the arena the first week of April, likely Thursday, April 6th, 2023.

In regards to the renaming of the arena, Tim Horvat indicated he will be meeting with Bo Horvat's team next Friday and will provide an update. It is recommended that if we receive the approval, to make efforts to have the renaming of the Arena and the Kraft Hockeyville celebration a joint venture.

**8. Adjournment**

**Moved:** Bill Denning

**Seconded:** Jim Hathaway

That the West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby adjourn at 9:30 a.m. to meet again on April 12, 2023.

**Carried**

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Ken Loveland, Chair

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Brittany Jessome, Recording  
Secretary