



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management

February 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

West Elgin Community Complex - Hybrid Meeting

160 Main St

West Lorne

Electronic Hybrid Meeting

Present: Ken Loveland
Jim Hathaway
Terry Weed
Bill Denning
Ryan Statham

Staff Present: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations and Community Services
Adam Ecker, Recreation Supervisor
Jenn Vanesse

1. Call to Order

Chair K. Loveland called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Bill Denning

Seconded: Jim Hathaway

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

Carried

4. Minutes

Moved: Ryan Statham

Seconded: Jim Hathaway

That West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management Committee adopt the minutes of January 10th 2024 as circulated and printed.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

Bill has finalized August 24th of this year that Bo would be available for the renaming ceremony, but thought of the possibility of postponing until renovations are complete. However renovations could be in a few years and we don't want to delay it any longer than it already has. This could also give some awareness for renovations and possibly raise some funds too.

6. Staff Reports

No staff reports

7. New Business

7.1 Skating Club Update

Thank you to Adam and crew for things running smoothly and being able to work with the group for accommodations. They have penciled in ice time for next year on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8pm. May 15th is the AGM at the scout hall. There will be a meeting held about the intro to hockey to go over pros and cons and decided whether they are continuing for next season with the program. There has been some noise complaints with children running around and being loud while the lessons are on. Just wondering how it can be addressed.

7.2 Minor Hockey Update

Most teams will be finished around March 23rd, rep team is set to finish March 18-26/27, and if they go to OMHA it would be Apr 4,5,6 so they may need some ice time till then depending on how the teams do.

7.3 Arena Revitalization Committee Update

A huge thank you to the committee and Terry for the ideas and drawing. An engineer was out yesterday to go over the plans and look at the building to see make some suggestions. He determined that all East and West walls are load bearing. The original application sent to Kraft Hockeyville was asking for more dressing rooms so they wanted to ensure that was incorporated into the designs.

Option 1 was the most straight forward an feasible. The engineer thought option 2 was not feasible as the wall that would be taken out to extend the warm room is load bearing. Option 3 the walls in the washroom are load bearing for the meeting room upstairs, so then the upstairs would have to be removed. A second level is possible but would be expensive. He was cautious until they actually has an investigation done of footings and design the load carrying posts downstairs, what it would look like. There are no original blueprints of the arena that have been found, so this leaves some question on structure. Option 4 is possible as the interior walls of the canteen are not load bearing. Windows could be added and a door filled in to extend the warm room into that space. Some thoughts came up from the board that there may need to be emergency exits added, having an office above the canteen area, and look at the cost of having an accessible washroom in the addition vs. upgrading the current washrooms to be accessible.

The discussion took place on whether to keep the canteen or whether the removal would be possible? With Tim Hortons being in town now, and local restaurants in both West Elgin and Dutton, the realization is that it likely will not be utilized and could be better use of the space. With it not being used in 6 years, even if it were to stay there would likely be costs associated to get it back up to standards and code before it would even pass to be usable with no profit seen back from it. It was unanimous for the board members that they are ok with the canteen being removed.

8. Staff Operations Update

Everything is running fine with about a month and half left to go. Last ice time is March 28th, with the exception of possible MHL for a few practices. Staff will have the Easter weekend off, and then the goal is to have to the ice start to come out the Thursday of the week after Easter.

9. Adjournment

Moved: Jim Hathaway

Seconded: Bill Denning

That the West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby adjourn at 9:55 a.m. to meet again on March 13, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Carried

Ken Loveland, Chair

Jenn VanEsse, Recording Secretary