

TOWN OF WINDSOR

Special Town Council Meeting Minutes Amended Item #5

August 23, 2018 / 9:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Windsor Council Chambers, 100 King St, Windsor, NS

Attendance

Anna Allen	Mayor, Chair
Laurie Murley	Deputy Mayor
John Bregante	Councillor
Shelley Bibby	Councillor
Jim Ivey	Councillor
Louis Coutinho	CAO
Shelleena Thornton	Municipal Clerk
Todd Richard	Director of Public Works
Glenn Wentzell	Arena Manager
VanEssa Roberts	Director of Community Development, Tourism & Recreation (arrived at 9:05a.m)

Regrets None

Public

Colin Chisholm Reporter, Valley Journal Advertiser

19 Members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Allen called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY BREGANTE/MURLEY THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Fr. Windsor Hockey Heritage Society (20180817) – Preserve hockey heritage, the old Stannus Street Rink, and secure public-access to areas in-and-around Long Pond

MOVED BY BIBBY/IVEY THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE DATED 20180817 FROM THE WINDSOR HOCKEY HERITAGE SOCIETY BE RECEIVED AND KEPT ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED

4. WEST HANTS' HOCKEY ARENA 'PLAN B' PROPOSAL (TENTATIVE) – CAO Coutinho reviewed the Request for Direction Report. Motion was made to put the matter on the floor; discussion held and the following noted prior to voting on the motion:

MOVED BY MURLEY/IVEY THAT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF WINDSOR AND WEST HANTS, WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE A \$1 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT OVER FIVE (5) YEARS TOWARDS A 500 SEAT FACILITY THAT INCLUDES AN INDOOR ICE RINK AND WALKING TRACK. FUNDING TO BEGIN IN THE FISCAL YEAR THE PROJECT BREAKS GROUND, WITH \$800,000 TO COME FROM THE OPERATING RESERVE AND \$200,000 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE. AND,

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WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL WILL NOT BE EXPRESSING ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAN B HOCKEY PROPOSAL SINCE THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS WILL OWN, BUILD, AND OPERATE THE ARENA AND INCUR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT, INCLUDING ANY COST OVERRUNS AND SHORTFALLS. (Before voting; discussion occurred). MOTION CARRIED

Discussion points:

- Understanding there may be some math discrepancies in West Hants' proposal, does West Hants' motion cover that plus all other costs including but not limited to: overruns, shortfalls, etc? CAO Coutinho said their motion covers it.
- Public Consultations – some indicate consultations were not held (or not enough) re. the Long Pond site location; however, understanding the short time needed for Plan B to be submitted, none has been held neither. It is hoped there will be opportunity for public input and feedback.
- Plan B costs and potential overruns/shortfalls – West Hants can manage them through the design and tender stages.
- Town is responsible for Windsor tax payers' \$1 million and it is preferred to spread the funding commitment over time (perhaps \$200,000 per year), as it would free up Town money for the community while supporting West Hants' project.
- Strong recreation programming supports a strong community and a second ice surface for the area is needed (if not two).
- Councillor Bibby read a statement that noted some of the following: thanks for the work everyone put in; has been a journey of everything that could go wrong with a 'community' endeavor; embarrassed by bickering, name-calling, lack of trust within councils; double-standards (maneuvering & manipulation by outside forces); and yet, everyone wants success for our community. She supported the original Long Pond project and provided a suggestion to a motion for this proposed Plan B to include \$1 million over a period of time and considering other options and support at the Long Pond site in collaboration with the Hockey Heritage Society.
- Windsor's position was to get out of the rink business, so now that has happened.
- There is hockey heritage at the Agricultural Grounds as well.
- Perhaps the walking track go in phase 2 with the indoor soccer facility rather than rink.
- Perhaps provide funding over three years rather than five.

An amendment was proposed to the motion on the floor.

Moved by Ivey that reference to the walking track be removed and the funding be reduced to three years.
MOTION LOST DUE TO NO SECONDER.

Vote was held on the original motion and was carried. Other motions were then put on the floor.

MOVED BY IVEY/BREGANTE TO RESCIND THE AUGUST 07, 2018 MOTION, THAT THE TOWN OF WINDSOR'S \$1 MILLION DOLLARS BE USED TO SUPPORT OUR HOCKEY HERITAGE GOALS AND THAT THE CAO IDENTIFY WHAT THESE OPTIONS MAY BE FOR THE TOWN'S SEPTEMBER 2018 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED

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MOVED BY BIBBY/MURLEY THAT THE TOWN'S CAO IDENTIFY HOCKEY HERITAGE OPTIONS AROUND THE LONG POND SITE AND OTHER AREAS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HOCKEY HERITAGE SOCIETY AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL AT A FUTURE DATE. MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE – ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT – ~~Discussion held.~~

MOVED BY MURLEY/BIBBY THAT COUNCILLOR JOHN BREGANTE BE APPOINTED AS THE ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED

GALLERY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Concern raised over cost-comparisons of the two projects (original Long Pond site and the new Plan B proposed by West Hants); there is substantial costing differences which has to come from somewhere, especially as it may relate to consolidation/amalgamation of Windsor and West Hants.
- Suggestion of considering providing the \$1 million toward the project up-front.
- Council should put funds aside toward hockey heritage and keep it separate.

6. IN-CAMERA

(a) Personnel Matter - Only members of council and CAO Coutinho remained for the in-camera discussion.

MOVED BY BREGANTE/MURLEY THAT AT 9:57A.M., THE MEETING MOVE IN-CAMERA TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY MURLEY/IVEY THAT AT 10:45A.M., THE MEETING MOVE OUT OF IN-CAMERA. MOTION CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY BREGANTE/MURLEY THAT AT 10:45A.M., THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. MOTION CARRIED


Chair, Mayor


Municipal Clerk

