



Bridge Sub Committee MINUTES

Tuesday, February 16th, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

CAO Jeff Gushue called the meeting to order at 10:11am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDENCE

Steve Berry, Deputy Mayor	Town of Yarmouth
Jeff Gushue, CAO	Town of Yarmouth
Lindsay MacKinnon, Municipal Clerk	Town of Yarmouth
Guy Surette, Councillor	Municipality of Argyle
Alain Muise, CAO	Municipality of Argyle
Trevor Cunningham, Deputy Warden	Municipality of Yarmouth
Daniel Allen, Councillor	Municipality of Yarmouth
Victoria Brooks, CAO	Municipality of Yarmouth
Dorgam Hideib, CEO	Mariners Centre

3. SELECTION OF CHAIR / VICE CHAIR

a. Selection of Chair

It was MOVED by Daniel Allen, SECONDED by Steve Berry to nominate Guy Surette as Chair of the Bridge Committee.

CAO Jeff Gushue called for any more nominations.

It was MOVED by Daniel Allen, SECONDED by Steve Berry that nominations cease.

Guy Surette will be Chair of the Bridge Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Section of Vice Chair

It was MOVED by Daniel Allen, SECONDED by Trevor Cunningham to nominate Steve Berry as Vice Chair.

MOTION CARRIED

4. REVIEW OF MANDATE

CAO Jeff Gushue reviewed the original mandate of the bridge committee which includes working with the Province of Nova Scotia for programming and funding, examine options, and be fiscally responsible.

There was discussion around the motions made by the Town of Yarmouth and Municipality of Argyle for bridge funding for 275 Main Street.

5. REVIEW OF OPTIONS

CAO Jeff Gushue presented the options around the bridge. These include, 275 Main Street, U. Sainte Anne, the Rodd Grand Hotel, and Tru Hotel.

Currently both hotels are not accepting new members or renting out their pool. If they were, both hotel options would only be able to accommodate lowest level of lessons with no lifeguard training or competitive swimming available.

The Whitecaps presented that using the U. Sainte Anne pool is not an acceptable option because of time constraints, limited access and increased costs.

275 Main Street would be the most costly option to the municipalities, however, all former programming could be reintroduced which would allow the swim team to continue and lifeguards be trained.

There was discussion around types of services to be offered if pool were to open and the pros/cons of having programmable space along with that. The question was raised on what more information would be needed to decide on a bridge location.

6. FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

CAO Jeff Gushue then presented past financials of the YMCA at 275 Main Street. Membership, programming and rentals made up the majority of revenue. The province has indicated a willingness to help support the bridge on an operational level. There has also been corporate interest and community support that would indicate fundraising would be successful.

Some options for operations include being run by the municipalities, a non-profit society, contract services, or the Mainers Center.

It was MOVED by Trevor Cunningham, SECONDED by Steve Berry, that the bridge committee recommend 275 Main Street as the location for the bridge to the executive committee.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Next Steps

The next step will be to bring the recommendation for the bridge at 275 Main Street to the executive steering committee.

8. Other Business

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be determined.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11pm.