

MEETING MINUTES

Mariners Centre Expansion Steering Committee (MCESC)

Thursday, February 18th, 2021

A meeting for MCESC was held via video conferencing on Thursday, February 18th, 2021.

1. Welcome, attendance & regrets

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm by Chair, Warden John Cunningham with the following in attendance: Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Mayor Pam Mood, Deputy Mayor Steve Berry (Joined at 3:40pm) and Councillor Gil Dares.

Also present were CAO Jeff Gushue, CAO Victoria Brooks, CAO Alain Muise, Municipal Clerk/Communications Officer Victoria Pearce and Lindsay Mackinnon—Municipal Clerk / Executive Assistant

Additionally there were the following observers: Bill, Jakob Y95, Councillor Loren Cushing, Councillor Sheri Hurlburt, Warner Comeau, Mike C, Councillor Patti Durkee, Richard, Mark.

Regrets: Councillor Daniel Allen, Councillor Guy Surette.

2. Approval of the Agenda (additions/deletions)

It was moved by Mayor Pam Mood, seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of February 4th, 2021.

It was moved by Councillor Gil Dares, seconded by Warden Danny Muise to approve the minutes of Feb 4th, 2021 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Steve Berry joined the meeting at 3:40pm.

4. **Sub-Committees**

4.1. **New Build Subcommittee**

4.1.1. Minutes of February 12th, 2021

4.2. **Bridge Subcommittee**

4.2.1. Minutes of February 12th, 2021

4.2.2. Bridge Subcommittee- Motion

Brief discussion regarding the Bridge Subcommittee's last meeting took place.

Whereas the Bridge Sub-committee has reviewed options and made a recommendation to the MCEC; and whereas the Town of Yarmouth and Municipality of Argyle have made financial contributions for re-opening 275 Main Street; whereas the mutually agreed terms of reference call on the MCEC to make recommendations to the three Councils,

It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Gil Dares to recommend to all 3 Councils that 275 Main Street, Yarmouth, be pursued as the option for aquatics and other community recreation programming as a bridge to the expansion at the Mariners Centre

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. **Other Business**

Discussion circulated regarding the trust account for the reopening of 275 Main St. Specifically, questions were posed surrounding the balance of the fund, where the financial management of that fund and municipal contributions should lie and what is the intended use of already approved funds from TOY and MODA.

TOY CAO Jeff Gushue noted that the next step is to convene a meeting of the Bridge subcommittee and scope out what needs to be done moving forward. This subcommittee would need to discuss a business plan, Intermunicipal agreement, financial management of the funds etc. These are the areas where municipal and funds in trust would be invested at this point.

CAO Gushue noted that the trust account has roughly \$10,000 without any fund-raising efforts. He noted that this should not be seen as a reflection of the importance of this aquatics infrastructure to the community.

6. **Next meeting**

Tentatively set for Thursday, March 4th at 3:30pm.

7. **Adjournment**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

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