



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD
PROCEEDINGS OF PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**PTRC 2-2023
Monday, March 6, 2023
Video Conference**

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: D. Isherwood, J. Ichovich, J. Atkinson, K. Daniels (Committee Chair), M. Coppola, R. McCulloch, R. Merrill, P. DiPaola, T. Vandermaas (Committee Vice Chair)

Absent: Councillor Sentance, E. Salter, G. Ravenek, I. Woods

Staff Present via Video Conference: S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor, S. Hansen, Legislative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

S. Hansen, Legislative Assistant, read the land acknowledgement.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: T. Vandermaas

Seconded by: J. Atkinson

That Agenda PTRC 2-2023, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 February 1, 2023 Minutes

Moved by: J. Ichovich

Seconded by: J. Atkinson

That Minutes PTRC 1-2023, being the minutes of Wednesday, February 1, 2023, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items.

7. Committee Business

7.1 Work Plan

Members discussed the objective of a work plan.

7.2 James White Arena

Committee members raised concern with the James White Arena being used as a public works facility. Concerns were raised about the structure of the facility and the condition the floors will be in once the machinery is removed. S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor, advised that the facility is being used as a public works facility until approximately September and that a report will be going to council regarding the City's amenities.

Committee members emphasized the difference between long and short term goals of the facility. M. Coppola offered a short term goal of making the facilities booking system easier to navigate. S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor advised she can have a report on what is needed to accomplish fixing the IT system for next meeting. Long term suggestions included converting the James White Arena into an indoor swimming area or an indoor garden center.

7.3 Canada Games Park Facility

Committee Chair Daniels stated that there were over \$50,000 of unused ice time from September to December at the Canada Games Facility.

S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor, explained that the City of Thorold has allocated certain prime time hours. Allocated prime time hours that are not used are paid for by the City of Thorold. She stated that Saturdays do not have regular bookings. M. Coppola suggested holding day tournaments to use the unused ice time on Saturdays.

Committee Chair Daniels enquired about whether the City pays for unused ice/field time over the summer. S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor advised the City does not. R. Merrill enquired about the cost of ice time. S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor, advised that the prime time rate is \$226, the youth rate is \$180 and the subsidized minor sports groups' rate is \$147.

7.4 2024 Skate Programming Recommendation

S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor brought forward two requests from a member of the public. The requests were:

1. that the City provide day time senior skating lessons;
2. that the City run public programming at the Canada Games Facility.

Committee members discussed the cost of skating lessons and whether it would pay for itself.

R. Merrill enquired whether the skating lessons would take place during senior skate. S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor, advised that the senior skate lessons would take place prior to the regularly scheduled senior skate.

8. Roundtable Discussion

8.1 Beaverdams Map

R. Merrill requested a map of the land surrounding Beaverdams Park.

T. Vandermaas stated this area is currently being mapped.

8.2 Booking Calendar

P. DiPaola requested staff develop an online calendar for facility bookings.

S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor stated that there is a calendar available for the arena, pool and halls; she will provide a summary of the booking system at the next meeting.

8.3 Permit Parking

J. Atkinson raised the suggestion of developing a parking permit for parks to move vehicles off of the road

8.4 Beaverdams Pavilion

M. Coppola raised concern with the effectiveness of the pavilion at Beaverdams Park in providing coverage from the sun.

8.5 Hybrid Meetings

S. Hansen, Legislative Assistant, advised the committee that they have the option to proceed with hybrid meetings using the Council Chambers. The committee decided to proceed with hybrid meetings.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kieran Daniels
Committee Chair

Sydney Hansen
Legislative Assistant

Matthew Trennum
City Clerk