

Recreation Facilities Advisory Board
The Corporation of Norfolk County

November 2, 2020 3:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

Present: Ian Neville, (Chair) Paul Anderson, Gord Malo, Amy Martin, Sue Defreyne, Kim Huffman

Also present: Jacob Robinson (recorder)

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. **Chair Remarks**

Paul provided a quick update from the 2014 update and what has happened regarding a multi-use recreational facility since that time, what he hopes will happen going forward.

Accepted as information.

4. **Approval of Agenda/Changes to the Agenda**

A) RFAB Minutes - Sep 14, 2020 Carried.

No changes to the agenda.

5. **Discussion Items**

A) Update from Staff: Plan 'B' / Recreational Long Term Capital Plan

Councillor Martin provided an update on what has taken place within the county recently, what options were discussed for the county's master recreation plan during recent budget sessions. Discussion included, but was not limited to, where the county

is at on a recreational master plan and what are the best steps to take going forward. **Accepted as information.**

(Gord M./Sue D.) Motion: *At the request of RFAB that Norfolk County staff prepare a detailed account of capitol exponders and repairs to Norfolk County recreational facilities from the time of the 2015 Norfolk Master Plan completion until present day.* **Carried.**

B) Update from Staff: Council Membership Selection

Jacob provided a brief update on the membership applications, what the next step in the process is and when new members may be chosen by council. **Accepted as information.**

A) Retention of Knowledge

Ian spoke about the possibilities regarding newcomers to the board and that a number should be held over given all the current roster has learned over the past 24 months followed by member discussion about the current terms of reference. **Accepted as information.**

B) RFAB Progress Report/Handover

C) Terms of Reference Moving Forward

Ian and Gord presented some possible changes to the board's terms of reference to consider. Discussion included, but was not limited to, a suggested step back following the lack of hub funding and also the 2015 master plan gaining some age to address where RFAB is in terms of programming and capital needs and how the board can assist council where we are and what the board can do to help going forward to establish a more current mandate.

(Ian N./Sue D.) MOTION: *WHEREAS Norfolk County was unsuccessful in its first attempt to receive provincial and federal funding to proceed with a new multi-use recreational facility;*

And WHEREAS Norfolk County council has not formally adopted an alternative recreational facility repair or replacement plan;

And WHEREAS Norfolk County has undertaken irreversible steps to eliminate and/or repurpose recreational facilities;

And WHEREAS the Recreational Facilities Advisory Board is seeking to discover meaningful solutions to Norfolk's recreational facility challenges to ensure the

maintenance & enhancement of Norfolk's recreational programming service levels.
Carried.

AND THAT RFAB also recommends that the current RFAB be renamed the Recreational Advisory Board (RAB); and that

The mandate of RAB be amended to:

- engage with community user groups and make recommendations relating to the state of recreational programs and facilities and their ability to satisfy community recreational needs;*
- make recommendations regarding the education of the community on recreational issues;*
- work in concert with County staff to undertake a scoping exercise of the 2015 Norfolk County Recreational Master Plan (as well as and including the 2015 feasibility study and 2015 situational analysis) and to make recommendations as to the applicability of the Plan to meet current and long-term recreational needs and the rationale and benefits for updating the 2015 Recreational Master Plan or undertaking a new master plan to provide Council with reliable and current information for Council's decisions going forward. **Carried.***

(Gord M./Ian N.) MOTION: *THAT RFAB recommends that until such time as Norfolk County updates the 2015 recreational master plan, or completes a new recreational master plan that Norfolk County Council directs staff to limit all Norfolk County recreational facility capital expenditures and repairs that are not directly related to sustaining (pre-Covid 19) regular service levels. **Carried.***

D) Composition of RFAB Moving Forward

The board offered their thoughts on what the Board should look like going forward, how members should be selected (background, composition, amount or residents vs. council etc., possible group expansion)

(Gord M./Ian N.)MOTION: *That RFAB request from Norfolk County staff a detail of the 2019 Simcoe Recreational Centre spend of \$140,000 and 2020 budgeted spend of \$250,000 as well as insight into the recreational programming related to these expenditures. **Carried.***

6. **Adjournment** - 4:43 p.m.

7. **Next Meeting:** Dec. 7, 2020

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