

COMMUNITY CENTRE & FIRE HALL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

A meeting of the Community Centre & Fire Hall Committee (CCFHC) was held via ZOOM on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, starting at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sylvester Atkinson; Councillors Clayton MacMurtry (entered at 6:22 p.m.) and Gary Marshall; Middleton Fire Department Members, Chief Mike Toole, 1st Deputy Scott Veinot and 2nd Deputy Jody Spidle; Chief Administrative Officer, Jen Boyd; Director of Finance, Lisa Buchan; Director of Recreation and Community Development, Andy Kerr; Director of Public Works, Matt Pearce; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

220209.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as circulated. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

220209.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Community Centre & Fire Hall Committee meeting of January 24, 2022, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

4. DESIGN MEETING UPDATE

CAO Boyd provided an update to the Committee:

- CCFHC members had their first meeting with the Jost design team last week;
- feedback was provided at the time on their electrical and mechanical systems;
- the Fire Department has sent them some additional information;
- the Fireflies have developed a list of items for their dream kitchen which will be submitted at the next meeting;
- the design team was advised that some of the equipment from the existing kitchen will be used in the new kitchen;
- any decisions required of the committee will be brought back to the committee in the future;
- she will approach Clayton Dauphinee and the Accessibility Advisory Committee for review and input/feedback on the building design.

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5. COMMUNITY CENTRE USE DISCUSSION

The Committee brainstormed the uses for the Community Centre portion of the building. Potential uses include:

- weddings;
- cooking classes;
- Council and committee meetings – to increase accessibility for the public;
- large public meetings;
- comfort centre;
- yoga;
- seniors' fitness;
- hosting of meetings such as Fire Department business meetings, recreation association meetings, etc.;
- storage for recreation programming;
- youth programming;
- Restorative Justice;
- elections;
- business association meetings;
- larger vaccination clinics;
- blood donation clinics;
- year round programming for youth.

Councillor MacMurtry entered the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Other items to be considered:

- media and built-in speakers;
- sound proofing for the room divider;
- a sound system for the whole community room that can also be divided into two systems when the community room is divided into two rooms.

6. FUNDING UPDATE

Fundraising total to date:

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| • Provincial Government | \$1,000,000 |
| • Federal Government | 1,137,980 |
| • AC Fire Services | 100,000 |
| • In the Town account: | 333,484 |
| • Land Donation | 17,000 |
| • Fire Department | 233,000 |
| • Town of Middleton | 650,000 |
| • Cavendish | 15,000 |
| • Rotary Club | 50,000 |

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- Other Committed 25,000
Total to date \$ 3,561,464

Amount still to be fundraised is \$600,000 which will have to be raised prior to the tender being awarded.

Next steps:

- CAO Boyd to request extension of end date on the federal grant;
- Mayor Atkinson and CAO Boyd to request meeting with the Warden and CAO of Annapolis County regarding funding;
- Fire Department will provide an update on the Sobey's funding request;
- send out another round of flyers;
- CAO Boyd and Chief Toole will meet in the next week to confirm the amount of funding still required;
- next meeting date is February 23 at 6 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

220209.03: It was moved and seconded that the Committee adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved by Committee Motion 220223.02, February 23, 2022.