

COMMUNITY CENTRE & FIRE HALL COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 27, 2023

A meeting of the Community Centre & Fire Hall Committee (CCFHC) was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, March 27, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sylvester Atkinson; Councillor Gary Marshall and Councillor Bernadette Knapp; Middleton Fire Department Members, Chief Mike Toole; 1st Deputy Scott Veinot; Chief Administrative Officer, Ashley Crocker; Director of Finance, Alicia Franey; Director of Recreation and Community Development, Andy Kerr; and Recording Secretary, Susan Purcell.

Also in attendance: Harry Jost, JOST, and citizen (PAC Member), Chris Bradley

Regrets: 2nd Deputy Jodi Spidle

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

230327.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as circulated. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

230327.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Community Centre & Fire Hall Committee meeting of March 9, 2023, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

230327.03: It was moved and seconded that the In-Camera Minutes of March 9, 2023, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL UPDATE

The CCFH Funding Update was circulated to Committee Members.

CAO Crocker provided the Committee with an overview of the CCFH funding update and ICIP budget:

- there is a breakdown of what was in the ICIP Application at the time and a short description of what the money has been spent on. Still to come is the construction costs. The Environmental Impact Study and Aboriginal Consultation is a requirement of the ICIP Grant Agreement. We are on budget so far. It is the construction cost that is estimated to be over budget;
- would like to explore a phased approach or smaller building, looking at other viable options.

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A discussion took place regarding the reservoir project. CAO is unsure if the Town can apply for Disaster Mitigation Assistance Fund grant (DMAF). There is imminent disaster potential if the reservoir fails. Councillor Gary Marshall will revisit with colleagues and get in touch with disaster relief contacts.

5. LIST OF ITEMS TO POTENTIALLY REMOVE FROM CONSTRUCTION TENDER – HARRY JOST

A list of possible site and equipment savings was circulated to all members.

Mr. Jost suggested shaving \$1 million off the building cost. This could be done by cutting out expenses that will come along at a later stage such as tables and chairs. There would still be an operable Fire Department that is usable. Mr. Jost suggested reducing the cost of building materials including changing roofing materials to asphalt shingles, wall assembly, insulation, mechanical and electrical, and building system.

6. ALTERNATIVES FOR PATH FORWARD WITH CONSTRUCTION TENDER – HARRY JOST

Mr. Jost will work with the bidders to work out a plan moving forward if the prices are reduced to determine gap. He will speak with lowest bidder and will approach the contractor on questions. The bids are good until May 2nd. Will ask the bidders to hold the price in his negotiations with them. Mr. Jost will reach out to Ashley for further discussion.

CAO Crocker stated that change orders are common with construction projects. Mr. Jost stated that there is a \$100,000 contingency built into the contract project.

Councillor Knapp arrived at 7:41 p.m.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be Announced. Mr. Jost will reach out to CAO Crocker.

8. ADJOURNMENT

230327.04: It was moved and seconded that the Committee adjourn at 7.42 p.m.

Minutes approved by Committee motion 230327.04, April 20, 2023