

COMMUNITY CENTRE & FIRE HALL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

A meeting of the Community Centre & Fire Hall Committee was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, starting at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sylvester Atkinson; Councillors Clayton MacMurtry and Gary Marshall; Middleton Fire Department Members, Chief Mike Toole, 1st Deputy Scott Veinot and 2nd Deputy Jody Spidle (entered at 5:34 p.m.); Chief Administrative Officer, Jen Boyd; Director of Finance, Lisa Buchan; Director of Recreation and Community Development, Andy Kerr; Director of Public Works, Matt Pearce (entered at 5:46 p.m.); and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Also in attendance was Harry Jost, Jost+ Architects.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

210929.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as circulated. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

210929.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Community Centre & Fire Hall Committee meeting of September 2, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

2nd Deputy Jody Spidle entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

4. FOUNDATION OPTIONS AND SITE PREP

Harry Jost provided the Committee with an update on foundation options and site preparation:

- based on geo technical results the project was looking at a pile foundation with a cost of close to one million dollars;
- a new engineer reviewed the project and researched other options and determined that one option, which is a proprietary system and involves ground aggregate piers which would be cheaper than a pile foundation;
- additional geo testing will be required to verify the size of the aggregate piers;
- the portion of the project could be completed by December 2021 and includes more geo testing, preparing the site, taking off the topsoil and putting in the aggregate level;

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- final design work would have to be completed to construct the piers;
- one tender will be required to clear and prepare the site and the geo-technical will be required in order to issue the tender for the aggregate piers.

Matt Pearce entered the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

- tendering will allow part of the project to move forward although there is a risk with going ahead with the tender without knowing the full cost of the construction tender;
- the fundraising goals will be reached quicker with people seeing the site being prepared.

210929.03: It was moved and seconded to recommend to Council that the Town proceed with the tenders for the site preparation and the foundation preparation. Motion carried.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

Harry Jost provided the Committee with a budget update based on the use of aggregate pilings;

- the site prep, geo technical and aggregate piers will add an additional \$375,000 to the \$4.2 million budget;
- the actual cost of the project will not be known until the building construction tender is completed;
- hiring a third-party cost consultant might be worthwhile to look at the costs and determine any savings (i.e. vinyl floors instead of carpet would save this amount of money);
- Council may be hesitant on moving forward with the site and foundation preparations until the construction tender is received and they have a better idea of the total cost.

CAO Boyd will prepare a Request for Decision for Council on the two tenders and the pros and cons of proceeding with the site and foundation preparation prior to the construction tender being received. The additional geo-technical does not require Council approval as it falls within the CAO approval authority.

6. ADJOURNMENT

210929.04: It was moved and seconded that the Committee adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved by Committee Motion 220124.02, January 24, 2022.