



THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LAMBTON SHORES

Grand Bend Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee

Thursday, October 26, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Maguire, Mayor Cook, Deputy Mayor Sageman, Committee Member Ed Fluter, Committee Member Lynda Hillman-Rapley, and Committee Member Jim Quenneville

Members Absent: Councillor Baillie

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Jennifer Turk, Director of Community Services Ashley Farr

Staff Absent: Chief Administrative Officer Steve McAuley

1. Call to Order

Chair Maguire called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None were declared Thursday, October 26, 2023.

3. Minutes

GBCC 23-1026-01 Moved By: Lynda Hillman-Rapley
Seconded By: Ed Fluter

THAT the minutes from June 21, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried

4. Staff Reports

4.1 Monteith Brown Planning Consultants Kick-Off Meeting Presentation

Anand Desai, Associate, and Dylan Whitty, Planner from Monteith Brown Planning Consultants was in attendance to present the proposed Project Work and Schedule for the needs assessment of a recreation facility in Grand Bend.

Introductions were conducted with those present.

Mr. Desai explained the process for Phase 1 of the proposed needs assessment that includes an open house (in-person, online or whatever forum the committee chooses), feedback forms, and review of tasks to be completed prior to Christmas holidays.

Mr. Desai explained the process for Phase 2 of the proposed needs assessment that includes interviews with Council members, community stakeholders, service clubs, tours of other municipal facilities that the

committee feels is relevant to the needs, and the timeline of a draft feasibility study for the committee's review.

Discussions took place regarding how to include the summer-time population of Grand Bend and the use of staff, municipal social media platforms, newsletters, municipal website, and word-of-mouth.

Several questions were proposed to the committee, looking for feedback for the needs assessment. The following is a summary of the questions proposed and responses from the committee members.

1. What recreational facilities are currently in Grand Bend?
2. What driving distance is acceptable?
3. Determining gaps with recreational facilities in Grand Bend and other facilities that committee members have seen?
4. Who does Monteith Brown Planning Consultants engage with? Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, Grand Bend Art Centre, Grand Bend Optimist Club, Township of Warwick - new facility to tour, Town of Petrolia - facility to tour, local sports clubs should be represented. Mr. Desai asked for a list of any groups or ideas to be forwarded to himself.
5. What is driving the need for a community centre in Grand Bend? Community Health Care Centre requires space for programming, not for health care, any written feedback to be forwarded to Mr. Desai.
6. What recreational activities exist today?- golf and pickleball
7. What inside amenities is the committee looking for? Nursery school use, day care centre. It was noted that there is some mystery as people building and move their families from other municipalities to here, the committee doesn't know what their needs are
8. Based on population growth, are there certain type of amenities & programs that Monteith Brown Planning Consultants need to be aware of?

Last ten (10) years, younger families are moving to Grand Bend. Use to be retirees/seniors. Need programs for all ages. Flex space is required for any group to use or run a program. It was noted that the focus has changed as people are moving into the area. The focus once was on making sure the infrastructure was there like

roads, sidewalks, water and sewer, now it's about having a community hub.

9. What is needed in Grand Bend that is currently not there now? Flex space for indoor soccer, pickleball, meeting rooms. There is a lack of neutral space for all groups. Space to house people in the event of an emergency (cooling centre/warming centre, emergency operations centre)
10. Is space needed for fitness programs or group activities? It was noted that there is one (1) fitness centre located in central Grand Bend, and another one is being renovated that will include a pool. We have an abundance of walking trails, beaches, and water sports that a lot of communities don't have. There are also a number of clubs for all age groups.
11. What does the Committee want to see come out of this assessment? The committee requested something that is realistic and something that the municipality can build, and maintain for all age groups. This building should also tie into supporting the businesses in Grand Bend and be sustainable with programs.

Director of Community Services Ashley Farr advised the group that this exercise was for conceptual purposes only and not for architectural design or to determine the financial outcome/processes. Chair Maguire advised that the committee needs to know what is needed first, before we can build or plan fundraising or financial allocations/costs.

Mr. Desai thanked the committee for their time. Chair Maguire advised that all communications are to go through him to the Director, who will then forward them onto Monteith Brown Planning Consultants.

GBCC 23-1026-02 Moved By: Deputy Mayor Sageman
Seconded By: Mayor Cook

THAT the Feasibility Study presentation from Monteith Brown Planning Consultants be received.

Carried

5. Adjourn

GBCC 23-1026-03 Moved By: Deputy Mayor Sageman
Seconded By: Lynda Hillman-Rapley

THAT the October 26, 2023 meeting of the Grand Bend Community Centre Ad Hoc Advisory Committee be adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Carried