



LEISURE & LIFESTYLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

CONVENE: 7:00 P.M.

Chair Councillor Pamela Gillespie

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Leisure & Lifestyle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2019.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Lawn Bowling Lease.

4.2 Walking trail to CP lands from 2958 Greenfield Road.

4.3 Discuss date for community groups promotion.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

Councillor Pamela Gillespie was in the Chair. Also present at the meeting were Robin Decker, Tim Dawkins, Ken Godkin, Alison Furlong, David Hussey

Regrets: Anne Quin, Janet Millward, Patricia McLean

Staff Present: Michelle Poissant, Township Recreation and Community Services Coordinator
Tara Coffey, Recording Secretary

CONVENE: 7:00 P.M.

Chair Councillor Pamela Gillespie

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None reported.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Robin Decker
Seconded by Alison Furlong

THAT the Leisure & Lifestyle Advisory Committee approve the Leisure & Lifestyle Advisory Committee Minutes dated May 22, 2019.

CARRIED

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4.1 **Audit of sport & cultural groups and assessment of leisure needs**

- Michelle Poissant discussed community & sports groups, parks, and the Township website.
- Requested to install Pickleball lines on the Victoria Park tennis court.
- Committee recommends the Township host an information night to allow community groups, sport groups and for-profit businesses to showcase and promote their groups and businesses.

4.2 **Leisure opportunities for seniors in Ward 4**

- Councillor Gillespie will contact the North Dumfries Lions Club for an opportunity to bring senior cards to Ward 4
- Opportunity: Langs branching out senior night programs to Wards 3 and 4



4.3 Review of outdoor gyms and circuits

- Councillor Gillespie presented estimates on outdoor gym and circuit equipment from Activefit Outdoor Equipment.
- Councillor Gillespie to ask Council to consider outdoor gym and circuit equipment in the future budget.
- Funding options for outdoor gym and circuit equipment include grants to promote healthy living and community fundraising.
- Committee considered signage posted throughout parks with suggested exercises for more cost-effective alternative to outdoor gym equipment.

4.4 Trail maps

- Handouts of trail maps were circulated (Attachment 1 & 2).
- Township Recreation and Community Services Coordinator Michelle Poissant presented the Township's trail webpage.
- Councillor Gillespie to ask CAO McNeely about continuing walking trail from Cowan Park to Lions Park.
- Councillor Gillespie recommends promoting trails.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Township Leisure Guide

- Discussed developing a leisure guide, funding and delivery options.

5.2 Schmidt Park

- Discussed the Schmidt Park handout (Attachment 3).

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Tim Dawkins
Seconded by Ken Godkins

THAT WHEREAS business before this Leisure & Lifestyle Advisory Committee Meeting has been completed at 8:25 p.m.

AND be it resolved that this meeting adjourns and meets again on Wednesday November 20, 2019.

CARRIED

Chair

Recording Secretary



GOVERNANCE & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
November 29th, 2019

CONSIDERATION OF LEASE RENEWAL: AYR LAWN BOWLING CLUB AGREEMENT
10 Tannery Street, Ayr

RECOMMENDATION

The Chief Administrative Officer recommends:

1. **THAT CAO Report No. 48-2019 be received;**
2. **AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to advise the Ayr Lawn Bowling Club that their use and operation of the Club House and Lawn Bowling Green located at 10 Tannery Street shall cease effective December 31st, 2019;**
3. **AND THAT the Ayr Lawn Bowling Club be provided the opportunity to remove their Club property and assets from the interior of the building by no later than June 1st, 2020;**
4. **AND THAT Staff make available the area in and around the lawn bowling green for the purpose of public access, inclusive of picnic tables, and to maintain such area commencing in the Spring of 2020.**
5. **AND THAT to facilitate public access to the area, that the existing fence and associated amenities affiliated with the former lawn bowling green be removed by Staff.**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Report is to present to Council options as it pertains to the renewal or extension of the Lease Agreement with the Ayr Lawn Bowling Club for the use of the facility and lands located at 10 Tannery Street.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Lease Agreement

On January 6th 2003 the Township entered into a five (5) year Lease Agreement with the Ayr Lawn Bowling Club to utilize the Club House and lawn bowling green situated at 10 Tannery Street.

The Lease Agreement expired on January 6th, 2008. Provisions were established in the Agreement such that if the Club continued to occupy the premises (Club House and lawn bowling greens) after the expiration of the Agreement, they could continue to operate on a month to month basis.

A copy of the 2003 era Lease Agreement with the Ayr Lawn Bowling Club is included as Attachment No. 1 to this Report.

2.2 Master Plan – Ayr Ice House Precinct

At the September 9th, 2019 Council Committee of the Whole considered CAO Report No. 38-2019 which focussed on the preparation of a Master Plan for the Ayr Ice House Precinct. The conceptual area associated with the Ayr Ice House Precinct is included as Attachment No. 2 to this Report.

Council when considering the contents of the Report and its associated Recommendation resolved that:

1. *THAT CAO Report No. 38-2019 be received;*
2. *AND THAT the 2019 Capital Project entitled “24/26 Northumberland – Engineering & Design” be renamed “Downtown Ayr Revitalization” with the budget expenditure remaining unaltered at \$35,700;*
3. *AND THAT Staff be authorized to prepare a Request for Proposal document and issue the same for competitive bids to retain the services of a Consultant to complete a Master Plan for the Ayr Ice House Precinct under the auspices of the Downtown Ayr Revitalization program;*
4. *AND THAT upon receipt of competitive bids to complete the master plan project that Staff return to Council with a follow up Report.*

Staff are presently finalizing the Request for Proposal document for release to the marketplace for competitive bids. It is anticipated that the Study, subject to the award

to a consultant by Council, would commence toward the end of Quarter One (Q1) of 2020.

3. OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

The Lease Agreement with the Ayr Lawn Bowling Club lapsed in January 2008. Since that time the Lease has operated on a month to month basis.

The Ayr Lawn Bowling Club in 2019 did not renew its membership in the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association.

During 2019 there have been no observed recreational activity on the lawn bowling green. During the June time period approximately 20% of the turf area was roto-tilled and seed applied. The grass take has not been overly successful and most of re-seeded area has germinated with crab grass.

Council as part of the preparation and approval of the establishment of the Corporate Strategic Plan (2019 – 2022) talked extensively about developing a park like setting and associated amenities adjacent the Nith River along Tannery Street. The following Objective was included in the adopted Corporate Strategic Plan:

Pillar to Success – Key Strategies
Community Growth & Economic Prosperity

Goal 2 Downtown Ayr

Objective b) Prepare a Master Plan for the Ayr Ice House Precinct to ensure a coordinated vision for the Municipal land holdings adjacent the Nith River that promotes public space and accessibility.

Consistent with Goal 2, Objective b) Staff prepared CAO Report No. 38-2019 which was subsequently adopted by Council.

It is Staff's opinion that if the public-at-large had the opportunity to experience this space adjacent the Nith River that it would assist in the development of ideas that could be fleshed out and expanded upon through the consultation process associated with the preparation of the Master Plan. River access and views, in combination with the size of contiguous Township owned lands in this district of the Downtown represent a significant opportunity to establish a destination. By leveraging the lands currently occupied by the Lawn Bowling Club the broader opportunities for the public and the Downtown could be realized.

It is Staff's Recommendation that Notice be served to the Lawn Bowling Club that the Township seeks to reclaim the lands for public use for 2020. With that aspect completed, the next phase would be for the Township to remove the fencing and to open the lands up for public access and use. As an interim use until the Master Plan is implemented, the lands could be utilized as open space with picnic tables and associated amenities.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications on the 2019 Budget associated with the consideration of this Report.

For 2020, Staff have estimated that an expenditure of \$2,500 to \$3,000 would be required to provide power disconnect for the overhead lights and the removal of the same and the posts.

5. ATTACHMENTS

1. January 2003 Lease Agreement – Township and Ayr Lawn Bowling Club
2. Conceptual Plan – Township Landholdings Adjacent Tannery Street

For further information on the contents of this Report, please contact Andrew McNeely, Chief Administrative Officer, at (519) 632-8800 ext. 121 or via email at amcneely@northdumfries.ca

Report Prepared By & Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew McNeely,
Chief Administrative Officer