

WELLAND RECREATIONAL CANAL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
held on January 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Ref: WRCC-MIN-01-2010

Minutes of Meeting of the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation, held on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.; WRCC Board Room, Merritt Island.

ATTENDEES:

Directors: Bob Mahler, Chair
Tom Bacolini
Mike Belcastro
Mark Carl
Mayor Goulbourne
Paul Grenier
Vic Kerschl
Mike Lottridge
Roy Timms

WRCC Staff: Stephen Fischer

Others:

Regrets:

Call to order 5:40 pm

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Tom Bacolini
Seconded by: Paul Grenier

That the Minutes of WRCC Board Meeting dated December 14, 2009 of the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation be approved and amended as follows:

Add Vic Kerschl's name under "Regrets".

CARRIED

2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3) DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Stephen reported that the design is in progress with Forestgreen but not yet available for review. He has spoken with Todd Barker from Forestgreen numerous times and will have a second review meeting before coming to Board. An updated report on the project is required in March 2010. Todd is scheduled to present the design to the Board at the February 8th meeting. The WRCC is scheduled to present the project to Council at the February 16th meeting.

4) OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT – UPDATES & DISCUSSIONS

4.1 Community Adjustment Fund – Grant Application:

Stephen has begun to fill out the application which includes components consistent with the downtown revitalization and waterfront projects: fountains, upgrades to Canal walls, LED lighting, beautification of the canal areas in the downtown core. Grant applications are due January 18th. Stephen will contact Dan regarding VR, I applicable. The grant is limited to \$3.5 million and the WRCC's portion would be 10% (\$350,000) if successful. The WRCC's portion will not come from the tax base. Stephen reported that there is spalling on the west side of the aqueduct. Exact prices for repairing the spalling have not been gathered but discussions have taken place with OCC and UEM to get general ideas.

Direction to Stephen to continue with the application and investigate the cost of spalling.

4.2 Sports Canada; Ministry of Health Promotion Updates:

Stephen reported that Sports Canada and the Ministry of Health Promotion are open to applications from WRCC and Rowing Canada for the Commonwealth Championships. The shared grant will be for \$49,000, and upwards of \$60,000 by respective organization.

4.3 Fleet – Truck Availability for WRCC:

Stephen has looked into the possibility of another truck for the WRCC, as directed. A truck has been located within the municipal fleet. It is a 2001 F350 diesel truck and has 130,000 km, runs well but the box of the truck needs to be replaced. The truck will be used by summer staff for events and for trailer hauling. The Canoekayak Club and NDRC have expressed interest in renting the truck, and this is allowable both under Fleet rules and the insurance policy. Insurance for the truck would be \$178 per year and includes a 6-hour destination window. Funds are available in Capital – Equipment. Transfer of the truck would go through the Finance Department for approval; but ultimately it is a department to department transfer.

Moved by: Mike Belcastro

Seconded by: Roy Timms

That the WRCC go ahead with the purchase of the above-mentioned truck.

CARRIED

4.4 Logo Development - Branding:

Mike Lottridge would like to see the WRCC develop a distinctive brand (logo) for the corporation and/or the waterway. He suggested an amount of \$2,000 to \$2,500 be allotted to engage creative people to develop a logo. The Board and Council should be involved in the process after initial design stages. It was suggested to contact Colin Nun for professional assistance.

4.5 Pan American Games Transition Update:

The 2015 PanAm Games Committee has been formed. Stephen will e-mail the list to all the Board members. The CEO is expected to be named February 6th.

4.6 Ongoing Work/Projects Update:

This item will be discussed under New Business.

5 **OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT – STAFF REPORTS – NIL**6 **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Hosting Announcements – 2013 World Junior Championships:

Stephen reported that he received an email from the Canoe/Kayak Club with regards to submitting a bid to host the 2013 World Junior Championships. The Intention to Bid needs to be in by January 14th. Frank Garner and Mike Moir are both well known and recognized in the Canoe/Kayak community and are supportive of Welland's bid. The winning of this event would expedite infrastructure commitments, such as, course improvements and buildings. Approximately \$3 M would be immediately required from Pan Am. Some funding would be available and initial conversations with MHP and Sport Canada indicate that they would receive a business case for an event of this size (50-55 countries ~ 1,200 athletes). The winner of the bid will be announced Friday pending further CKC requests. International bids are due March 31st with announcement expected April 10-12.

Moved by: Mike Belcastor

Seconded by: Vic Kerschl

That the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation (WRCC) express there Intent to Bid for the 2013 World Junior Canoekayak Championships to Canoekayak Canada, and further,

That the WRCC, upon winning the Canadian rights to bid from Canoekayak Canada, prepare the necessary bid documents for the International Canoe Federation to win the hosting rights for the 2013 World Junior Canoekayak Championships.

CARRIED

It was suggested that Mayor Goulbourne act as Head of the Bid Committee. The full operating costs of the Championships will be known in March but are expected to be in the \$2 million range, to be funded from various sources outside the tax base. The Mayor will contact Tim Rigby to request his regional representation.

It was recommended to set aside funds for bids in the next budget.

Direction to Stephen to continue working on putting a Bid Committee together.

6.2 Open Discussion – 2010 Work Plan:

A partial list of the WRCC's projects follows:

- getting a price for LED lights to replace existing lights

- Mark Carl will be on the Scuba Committee
- Signs have been made for the Forest Trek 2 km trail, recently 'uncovered'
- Boulders will be used to limit motor vehicle access on the trails
- Initiate a memorial program
- WRCC presence on local radio station
- Consider expanding parking on Merritt Island
- Mayor requested one boulder to be used for Olympic plaque
- Niagara College students available for projects, Stephen to contact and organize
- Eastdale High School hosting musical extravaganza June 1st at the Amphitheatre
- Youth-oriented event organized during Rose Festival at the Amphitheatre
- WRCC is on-line with all grant offerings
- Earth Day – planting 300 trees, Niagara College Student to assist with event planning
- Approximately one-third of the butterfly and bird houses have been installed
- Stephen is addressing the accessibility issues at the Amphitheatre, as budget dollars become available, priority will be reviewed with Russ Findlay and involve the adjustment to existing rail at stair for the visually impaired.
- Two different requests to show movies on Sundays at the Amphitheatre
- In the process of getting volunteer shirts for all of the Waterway activities including regattas and IlluminAqua: quotes to be received for 600 to 700 volunteers, upset limit of \$5,000
- More trees scheduled to be trimmed this year; winter season
- Jeff not able to secure acts just yet for IlluminAqua; looking to second week of February
- Community players to submit CD for consideration to play at Amphitheatre

Board members should let Stephen know of any other projects of interest.

6.3 SNRC:

All clubs and user groups are to be Affiliates of the WIFC as per the Affiliation Policy, presented and accepted by Council. Clubs need to have accounts paid in full—SNRC has outstanding accounts still with the WRCC. Financial status is uncertain at this time as no Financial Statements were presented at the SNRC AGM. The SNRC brought in a solicitor to write terms of a lease — but there is no lease to negotiate, as all users are Affiliates. The Mayor has been offered to attend the SNRC meeting tomorrow and will try to develop a two to three meeting schedule to get the SNRC to understand the Affiliation Policy and find ways to help them find way forward. In the meantime, Stephen will continue to extend Affiliate opportunities to the SNRC: coaching sessions, subsidized advertising, etc.

6.4 Snow Removal:

Mark Carl asked if snow removal of the trails could be done even though he knows that in the past it was discouraged by the City's insurance company and solicitor at the time. Stephen will contact Cowan Insurance regarding the issue and the City of Hamilton—to enquire how they manage to provide snow removal to their trails.

It has been noted that snowmobiles are using the trails and the waterway and they should not be. Stephen has contacted By-Law for enforcement.

7 **CORRESPONDENCE – NIL**

8 **IN-CAMERA ITEM**

Moved by: Paul Grenier
Seconded by: Mike Belcastro

That the WRCC move in-camera at 8:00 pm.

CARRIED

Motion to adjourn
Moved by: Tom Bacolini
Seconded by: Roy Timms

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8th, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the WRCC Board Room on Merritt Island.