

## La Salle Community Center Minutes

Date: May 8, 2006

Present: Paul Pfrimmer, Wanda Talbot , Dwight Seymour, Cindy Pearce, Brad Day, Angie Dick, Paul champagne, Brian Ewanika, Roger , Sheldon Enns, Louie Boulet, Professor Harper

1. Recognition of Quorum
2. Approval of Agenda: Paul 1<sup>st</sup>, Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>, Carried
3. Approval of April 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 Minutes Wanda 1<sup>st</sup>, Dwight 2<sup>nd</sup>
4. Business arising from April 18, 2006 Minutes
  - Norm accessed books from Kerri Molloy
  - Jeff had a plumber in to look at leaking toilets and taps, automatic taps to be installed
  - Dwight compiled information of other community centers rental proposals and new proposals for LSCC. See separate hand-out
  - Brad looked into equipment and uniforms still needed and he managed to get uniforms from McDonald so he feels we have enough
  - Paul P says the locksmith is supposed to be coming this week
  - Paul P is to set a meeting with Sheldon Enns and Brian McElroy regarding the Curling Centre and CC contract
  - New concession is built congratulations to those who built it and special thanks to Aime
  - Brad said the black soccer goal posts were stolen already
  - Paul P stated they received on application re: hire a student and Jeff has that name
  - Paul P stated the culverts and crushed rock are in place
  - Updated list of non paid members re: sports fees that were not collected
  - The cheques that were missing were stop payment at the bank
  - New care taker Louie met with Norm and Paul. He installed new paper towel dispensers and set up an account with the dealer
  - Cindy provided Louie with a calendar regarding dates the CC is booked
  - Paul P spoke with I Witness Security re: Cameras. They said 4 cameras would be 125.00/month for 24 month payment schedule or 2850.00. His normal cost would be 4500.00
  - Gene Piasta and Norm are going to find time to install cables required for system
  - Motion made the purchase security cameras @ 125.00/month for 24 months Brad 1<sup>st</sup>, Paul C 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Community meeting **Monday May 29, 2006**-new ideas, fund raising board committee

Paul C thanked professor Harper for coming to this meeting.

- Professor Harper thanked the board and committee for allowing students to work on this project. Gave the students insight into the community and was useful exercise for the students and community
- Paul P asked what the student's thoughts were. One was what would it mean to fix up this facility? Is there a need for another indoor arena? Interest in a general purpose facility.
- Need as a community to decide do we want a multipurpose facility or an arena?
- Surveys that were completed and sent mirrored the reaction of the plebiscite in 2002. 69% voted, results showed: 27% in favor of project, 43% against project
- Present vote: of the 38% that responded - 75% support new or improved facility , 30% not willing to pay anything, 50% willing to make a voluntary contribution
- 3-5 million dollars to build an arena or a community center.
- People move to LaSalle to avoid paying higher taxes, there may be some room to move on the taxes.
- A house in LaSalle for \$150,000 pay a \$797.00 general municipal levy
- Impact would be a onetime cost of \$3800.00 or pay 8% over 20 years.
- A stand alone arena is a tough call because 60% people are involved in the community and an arena is used by 60% this would ask 100% to pay
- Limited interest in arena, unless there are more voluntary contributions.
- There are 175 kids playing Ringette an hockey in this community and the use of the rinks available in this municipality is 60% of capacity
- RM contributes \$15,000 a year for 2 years
- Community center will be utilized by more people
- Community places can contribute possibly \$150,000, no one has ever gotten a full grant, usually \$20-40, 000 range
- Brad Day stated the ice usage is not accurate- he stated we are subsidizing Oak Bluff and Sanford rinks \$48,000 this year could be \$60,000 next year with the biggest amt. of money leaving this community.
- Professor Harper stated when you build an arena you build 24/hr a day for 365 days which cost \$300.00/hour to operate, most charge in other arenas \$150.00/hour and are subsidized \$150.00, other facilities are operating marginally.
- Community of 1500 people with a catch met of 3 indoor arenas is a tough sell
- Paul C stated people are frustrated with traveling outside the community and spending money outside community
- Brad Day says must be greater cooperation within rural municipality, he said there is a lack of leadership @ the municipal level when it comes to recreation
- Professor Harper spoke of other communities such as Altona and Dauphin and their challenges is completing projects

- Professor Harper stated fundamental decisions must be made whether we build an arena or a community center. He said have a second phase of a project which might show the community what can be done.
- Professor Harper is working on a project-good neighbors study for 1000 people community and approximately 35,000 square feet building on two levels
- This project works because it is utilized during the day by seniors as well as utilized during the weekend. It has a social component, office, assembly area that holds 400 people, dance and fitness studio, weight room, computer lab, craft room and multimedia room. This facility will be used by 80-90% of the people once programming in place. There is also a proposed hard court, soft court, one rink, fitness trail around center and non motorized boat launch. Whole estimated project 5 million dollars and city contributed 3.9 million.
- Professor Harper said he can see why this facility is not suitable. He suggested this may be the time to show the community the results of the survey, impact a facility would have on taxes.
- Ask what kind of community do you want? Talk about community pride, sense of community, and sense of place.
- People are concerned; they want to know how this will benefit them. They also want to know what they are getting, what will it cost?

Professor Harper was thanked for his time, and thanked for coming to this meeting and sharing his insight.

#### Social Report

- Trying to compile list of volunteers form sports registration.
- Also working on a schedule of workers for canteen.

#### Sports report

- Still getting phone calls to register kids, unable to accommodate
- Uniforms- challenges with baseball
- Have one extra set of uniforms
- Registration for next year will be done different to alleviate some problems
- Dwight said he still has not heard from Tom

#### Grounds and Maintenance

- Everything is going OK. Paul P spoke with Enns Brothers regarding lending out a lawn mower. In the past they had a bad experience doing this the equipment came back in horrible shape, they will not lend equipment again.
- Contacted Shorty's about fencing
- Contacted Wallace and Wallace about hauling dirt and gravel

## NCFC

- Paul C. stated to see the minutes and wants to thank Sandy for putting them together.
- Paul C is stating he needs direction from the board
- Dwight stated people are interested what comes back in survey
- Paul C. states he needs unified board approval
- Dwight motioned for the next step is to do a public presentation with a business plan of study results, Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Paul P said to work closely with communications and do a couple of presentations

Sheldon says he has had to chase kids out from behind the shed. He asked if the shed could be moved to the back of the property.

Chantal is organizing the BBQ's

Ducks for Bucks tickets are for sale.

Next meeting is June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30

Meeting was adjourned

### Action Jackson List

Cindy – to call garbage man Ralph Knoxx @ country wide waste reminding them to pick up garbage weekly

Jeff – to check the amount of garbage bins around. Wanda is going to give barrels for garbage.

Paul C – To talk with Clarence about what we should talk to the community about re: new facility

Norm & Wanda – Figure out who will run the canteen day of summer festival

Wanda – To talk with Angie about the chip truck being here for summer festival