

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

On Tuesday, April 2, 2019

At Town Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 King Street East

COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Chair:	Adrian Haird	Shellee Fournier, CAO
Members:	Ted Lojko	Penny Kelly, Clerk/CEMC
	Dave Anderson	Cyril Cooper, Manager of Economic Development
	Matt Harper	Brenda Guy, Manager of Community Development
	Mike Kench	Melanie Kirkby, Treasurer
	Dennis O'Connor	Paul McMunn, Manager of Public Works
	David Osmond	Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief
		Adam McCluskey, Former Manager of Parks & Recreation
Regrets:		

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Councillor Haird chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
3.	Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2019
	Moved by: Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ADOPTS THE MINUTES FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 19 TH , 2019 MEETING. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
4.	Public Question / Comment (Only addressing Reports on Agenda)
	Members of the public spoke to Reports listed on the Agenda.
5.	Disclosure of Additional Items
	1. Notice of Motion – RMP Construction – Water & Kate Streets – Councillor Harper
6.	Public Meeting
	1. Proposed Plan of Subdivision and Class III Community Planning Permit – File Nos. SD2019-01 and CPPS2019-01 – 1622378 Ontario Inc. – Paul Veenstra
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair called the Public Meeting to order at 6:16 PM to deal with a Plan of Subdivision (File No. SD2019-01) and a Development Permit (File No. DP2019-01) • The Manager of Community Development presented an overview of the application for the Plan of Subdivision. • The Developer presented a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the Subdivision Plan.

- Mark Touw, IBI Group Planner for the Developer presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- The Chair asked members of the Committee of the Whole for questions or comments.
 - Councillor Kench asked if the subdivision would have guest parking spaces and if the Developer considers employing local residents for their subdivision.
 - The Developer responded that there are no guest parking spaces and where possible, local residents will be considered for positions in the development of the subdivision.
 - Councillor Osmond asked about easements in the proposed development.
- The Chair asked if any member of the public had any questions or comments pertaining to the application. The following members of the public stated their name and provided their remarks / concerns:
 1. **Richard Brousseau:**
 - Mr. Brousseau enquired if the developers made consideration for environmentally efficient building practices.
 2. **Brian MacDonald:**
 - Mr. MacDonald commented that there has been a lot of work completed at this time. Of concern the removal of the walking path and length of time the lands would be in this unsightly condition.
 3. **Chris McDonald:**
 - Mr. McDonald asked the Developers why it has taken so long to develop, and; made reference to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) motions and asked why the recommendation of PAC was not followed.
 4. **John Beddows:**
 - Mr. Beddows enquired about cost recovery options, specifically snow clearing by Town staff.
 5. **Marion Sprenger:**
 - Ms. Sprenger mentioned that the Town does have an Accessibility Committee and noted that accessibility was not heavily discussed at length during the Planning Advisory Committee meeting.
- No further questions or comments were received from the public.
- The Chair asked the Applicant if they had any comments. The Applicant had no further comments.
- The Chair advised that Council will be considering this the Subdivision Plan on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair requested that the Manager of Community Development present the Development Permit Application. • The Manager of Community Development presented an overview of the application for a Development Permit. • The Chair asked members of the Committee of the Whole for questions or comments. • The Chair asked if any member of the public wish to speak to the matter. • The Chair asked the Applicant if they had any comments. The Applicant had no further comments. • The Chair advised that Council will be considering this the Development Permit on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. • The Chair declared the Public Meeting closed at 8:00 PM.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair announced a five (5) minute recess at 8:01 PM. • The meeting resumed at 8:08 PM.
7.	Unfinished Business
COW-RDS-2019-03 – Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) Inc. – Program Update	
	<p>Moved by: Councillor Harper AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECT STAFF TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT WITH SERVICE LINE WARRANTIES OF CANADA (SLWC) INC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 2 Nays</p>
COW-FIN-2019-08 – Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT)	
	<p>Moved by: Councillor Harper AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES, IN PRINCIPLE, PROCEEDING WITH THE MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX IN 2019 AND DIRECTS THE CAO AND TREASURER TO HOST A MEETING WITH ACCOMMODATION PROVIDERS (HOTELS, MOTELS, BED AND BREAKFAST OWNERS, AND AIR B&BS) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM, AS PRESENTED IN COW REPORT FIN-2019-08.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 6 Ayes, 1 Nay</p>
COW-RECM-2019-03 – Tennis Courts – Gord Brown Memorial (GBM) Canada 150 Outdoor Rink Design – Report Published on April 1, 2019 and attached	
	<p>Tennis Courts – Gord Brown Memorial (GBM) Canada 150 Outdoor Rink Design</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Harper AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO PURSUE OPTION NO. 4 (MAKE PROVISIONS TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) TENNIS COURT AND TWO (2) PICKLEBALL COURTS ON THE GBM 150 PAD) REGARDING TENNIS COURTS AND OPTION A (DOMED ROOF, CONSTRUCTED IN EITHER TENSILE FABRIC OR METAL/GLASS COMBINATION) REGARDING ROOF DESIGN, AS PRESENTED IN COW REPORT RECM-2019-03, AND AS AMENDED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 1 Nay</p>

	<p>Tennis Courts – Investigate Steel Workers Park Location</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Kench AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO ASK EASTERN ENGINEERING TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF FOUR (4) TENNIS COURTS TO BE LOCATED AT THE STEEL WORKERS PARK, TO AN UPSET LIMIT OF \$5,000, AND BRING BACK A REPORT FOR COUNCIL’S CONSIDERATION.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 2 Nays</p>
8.	Delegations
	<p>1. John Beddows – Recreation and Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Beddows stated the original Application to appear before the Committee of the Whole as a delegation indicated that he wished to address Recreation and Economy, however; he will only address Economy under the subsets of Access to Justice and Fiscal Manager and Efficiencies. • Mr. Beddows requested that his remarks and recommendations be entered into the minutes as written, and as a part of the permanent record of this Council’s decisions (see attached).
9.	Presentations By Staff (Others) – None
10.	Correspondence
	<p>1. Kathy Warren – Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) Inc.</p> <p>2. Lynda Garrah – Tennis Court Location and Gord Brown Memorial (GBM) Canada 150 Outdoor Rink</p>
11.	Staff Reports
Accounts Payable – March 13 to March 27, 2019	
	<p>Moved by: Councillor Harper AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR CHEQUES ISSUED FROM MARCH 13 TO 27TH, 2019 TALLING \$920,442.92, AS PRESENTED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
COW-CSC-2019-01 – Thousand Island Playhouse – Request for Letter of Non-Objection	
	<p>Moved by: Councillor Harper AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PROVIDES A LETTER OF NON-OBJECTION TO THE ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION OF ONTARIO (AGCO) STATING THAT THE TOWN APPROVES THE THOUSAND ISLANDS PLAYHOUSE USE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 185 SOUTH STREET, AND; HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE MOONLIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER BEING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019, AS PRESENTED IN COW REPORT CSC-2019-01.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>

COW-CSC-2019-02 – Amend Various Terms of Reference – Council Code of Conduct

Moved by: Councillor Harper

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS AMENDING BY-LAWS, BEING BY-LAWS TO AMEND THE TERMS OF REFERENCES FOR THE VARIOUS COUNCIL COMMITTEES / ADVISORY PANELS AND BOARDS, TO REFERENCE THE TOWN'S COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT, AS PRESENTED IN COW REPORT CSC-2019-02.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

COW-FIN-2019-09 – 2019 Long Term Debt Schedule

Moved by: Councillor Harper

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION THE 2019 LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE, AS PRESENTED IN COW REPORT FIN-2019-09.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

COW-FIN-2019-10 – Community Grants 2019 Intake 1

Community Grants 2019 – Intake 1 – 1000 Islands Pride

Moved by: Councillor Harper

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES THE COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL INTAKE ONE 2019 RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT \$0 TO THE 1000 ISLANDS PRIDE TOWARD THE COST OF THE FESTIVAL, AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT FIN-2019-10.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

Community Grants 2019 – Intake 1 – Gananoque Curling Club

Moved by: Councillor Harper

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES THE COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL INTAKE ONE 2019 RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT \$3,628.70 TO THE GANANOQUE CURLING CLUB TOWARD THE COST OF ROCK RENTALS AND MEDALS FOR THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT FIN-2019-10.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

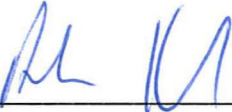

Community Grants 2019 – Intake 1 – Art of Courage

Moved by: Councillor Harper

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES THE COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL INTAKE ONE 2019 RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT \$6,000 TO THE ART OF COURAGE TOWARD THE COST OF THE ART BOMB EVENT, AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT FIN-2019-10.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

	<p>Community Grants Policy Review</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Anderson AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS THE TREASURER AND CAO TO COMPLETE A REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY AND BRING BACK A REPORT FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
<p>COW-FIN-2019-11 – Gas Tax and Northern Rural Infrastructure Grants</p>	
	<p>Gas Tax and Northern Rural Infrastructure Grants – Maple and Osbourne Reconstruction Project</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Harper AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES USE OF THE ADDITIONAL 2019 GAS TAX FUNDS FOR THE MAPLE & OSBOURNE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS PRESENTED IN COW REPORT FIN-2019-11.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p> <p>Gas Tax and Northern Rural Infrastructure Grants – Direction to Staff</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Harper AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE NORTHERN AND RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PINE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS PRESENTED IN COW REPORT FIN-2019-11.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
<p>COW-UTIL-2019-02 – Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) Endorsement of the Operational Plan</p>	
	<p>Moved by: Councillor Harper AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE, ENDORSES THE OPERATIONAL PLAN (V2.0 2019) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT, 2002 (SDWA) AND THE REGULATIONS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS MADE UNDER THAT ACT, AS PRESENTED IN COW REPORT UTIL-2019-02.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Discussion of Additional Items</p>
	<p>Notice of Motion – RMP Construction – Water & Kate Streets – Councillor Harper</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Harper AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO COMMUNICATE WITH RMP CONSTRUCTION THAT COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT WATER AND KATE STREETS BE OPENED BY MAY 1ST, 2019, WHICH INCLUDES THE REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>

	<p>Mechanical Rock Excavation – Veenstra – Phase 1</p> <p>Moved by: Mayor Lojko AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE ENDORSE MECHANICAL ROCK EXCAVATION BY THE DEVELOPER FOR PHASE 1, PRIOR TO THE IMPENDING COUNCIL DECISION ON APRIL 16, 2019, AND FURTHER, DIRECT THE MANAGER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE THE WORKS VIA THE FILL AND ALTERATIONS BY-LAW.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 6 Ayes, 1 Nay</p>
13.	<p>Next Meeting – April 16, 2019</p>
14.	<p>Questions from the Media – None</p>
15.	<p>Adjournment</p>
	<p>Moved by: Councillor Harper Be it resolved that the Committee of the Whole hereby adjourns the April 2, 2019, meeting at 10:00 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <hr/> <p>Adrian Haird, Chair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <hr/> <p>Penny Kelly, Clerk</p>



COW Date: April 2, 2019

IN CAMERA

Subject: Tennis Courts – Gord Brown Memorial (GBM) Canada 150
Outdoor Rink Design

Author: Adam McCluskey, Project Manager

OPEN SESSION

RECOMMENDATION:

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO PURSUE OPTION _____ REGARDING TENNIS COURTS AND OPTION _____ REGARDING ROOF DESIGN, AS PRESENTED IN COW REPORT RECM-2019-03.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMENTS:

Sector #4 – Quality of Life – Strategic Initiative #1 – To ensure the recreation needs of our community are being met in fiscally responsible manner.

BACKGROUND:

Staff presented report RECM-2019-03 to Council on March 5th, 2019. From that meeting, Council approved various expenditures to meet funding deadlines and the location for the Gord Brown Memorial Canada 150 Outdoor Rink (GBM150). Council approved a motion to have the GBM150 be constructed at the existing site of the tennis courts adjacent to the Lou Jeffries Arena.

Council now needs to give consideration as to which style of roof is pursued as well as the final decision on the tennis courts location/configuration. These decisions will affect the final design of the GBM150 rink. To that end, to ensure that the construction schedule is not delayed, staff are seeking direction from Council on both roof design and site decisions of the tennis courts.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

There are currently four tennis courts located adjacent to the Lou Jeffries Arena. The GMB150 rink will comprise a footprint of over 2,360 square metres. Given its large size, the GMB150 could accommodate three tennis courts or multiple pickleball courts, or a combination thereof.

To date, Council has discussed three various locations for the tennis courts: on the GBM150 rink; in Town Hall Park; or River Street at Steelworkers Park. Should the decision be made to locate the tennis courts on the GBM150 rink, staff need to advise the engineers so that detailed design can incorporate the tennis court components such as court and net location, where the nets will be anchored into the pad, the location of the sub surface refrigerant lines, etc. Design of the refrigerant lines can be facilitated around net/anchor locations once confirmed. As a result, direction is necessary on the future of tennis courts to allow for the completion of detailed design. The options, given the current home and future possibilities are as follows:

Option 1 – Reduce courts from 4 to 2 and install on the GBM150 pad as presented in RECM-2019-05

- Option 2 – Keep all 4 courts. Locate 2 on the GBM Pad and locate the other 2 elsewhere TBD.
- Option 3 – Keep all 4 courts. Locate all 4 courts to a new location(s) TBD

The GBM150 project is separated into 4 phases:

- Phase 1 – Rink Installation
- Phase 2 – Refrigeration system
- Phase 3 – Change/wash rooms
- Phase 4 – Roof

Each phase is funded through a combination of grants and fundraising activities. While the roof is the last phase in the project, its design affects multiple aspects of the initial design/construction. The style and materials of the future roof affect how the foundation is laid in the engineered concrete pad. As such, in order to complete the final design, Council must direct staff as to the design of the future roof so that the construction of the GBM150 is not delayed. Working with the architect and design team, the following roof styles have been introduced:

- Option A – Domed roof, constructed in either tensile fabric or metal/glass combination (Addendum D)
- Option B – Saddle roof, constructed of tensile fabric (Addendum E)

Each roof option was considered in relation to existing site amenities, budget and aesthetics. Both styles offer good coverage for protection from the elements. While a combination of metal and glass is a standard approach to roof design, the development of tensile fabric roofs has greatly increased the range of options while minimizing costs. Tensile fabric structures allow for the covering of large surfaces while limiting the number and size of load-bearing structural elements. Above all, they allow for the creation of unique structures with extraordinary forms. Translucent membranes create roofs that diffuse warm, natural light.

In comparing costs, Option A as presented, constructed with a metal/glass is estimated to cost \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000. A fabric roof would be significantly cheaper, estimated at \$50 per square foot and with 25,300 square feet needed to house the rink; the tensile fabric option is estimated at \$1,300,000.

APPLICABLE POLICY/LEGISLATION:

n/a

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Capital costs for the construction costs of the GBM150 are to be 100% grant or fundraised.

CONSULTATIONS:

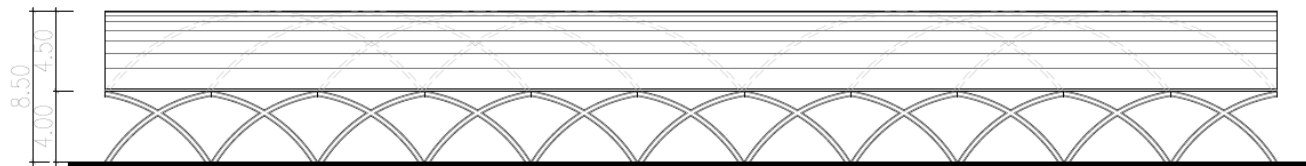
Melanie Kirkby - Treasurer

ATTACHMENTS:

- Schedule “D” – Roof option A
- Schedule “E” – Roof option B

APPROVAL	<hr/> <p>Adam McCluskey, Project Manager</p> <hr/> <p>Melanie Kirkby, Treasurer</p> <p>Certifies that unless otherwise provided for in this report the funds are contained within the approved Budgets and that the financial transactions are in compliance with Council's own policies and guidelines and the Municipal Act and regulations.</p> <hr/> <p>Shellee Fournier, CAO</p>
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-Schedule D – Roof option “A”



CONCEPT STREET ELEVATION



CONCEPT SIDE ELEVATION

NOTE:
ROOF MATERIAL CAN BE
METAL HARD ROOF WITH GLASS SKYLIGHT
OR TENSILE FABRIC DOME ROOF

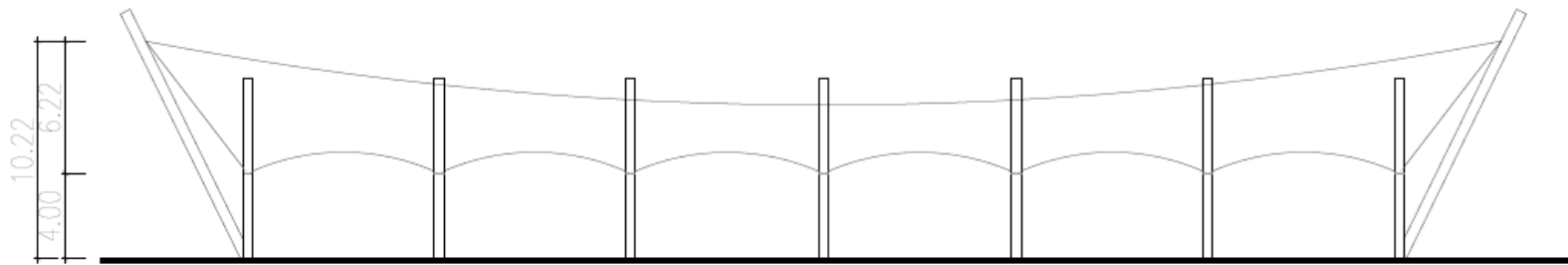
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GBM 150 RINK - ROOF OPT. 1

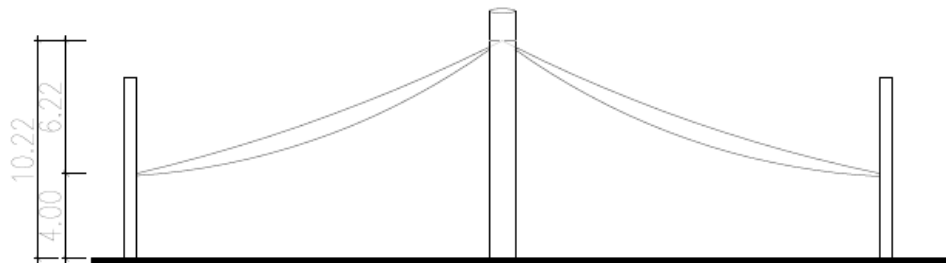


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-Schedule E - Roof option "B"



CONCEPT STREET ELEVATION



CONCEPT SIDE ELEVATION

NOTE:
ROOF MATERIAL IS TENSILE FABRIC ROOF

PROJECT #: 1804
SCALE: NTS
DATE: MAR 6, 2019

GBM 150 RINK - ROOF OPT. 2



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02 April 2019

Town of Gananoque
Mayor and Town Council

SUMMARY OF POINTS – 02 APRIL 2019 ADDRESS TO COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

The original submission was "Recreation and Economy", with council's permission I will only address "Economy" – under the subsets of Access to Justice and Fiscal Management and Efficiencies.

Access to Justice

Background

1. It has been a number of years since a Magistrate's Court or Provincial Court convened in Gananoque.

Current Situation

2. Citizens of Gananoque are required to travel to Brockville to appear in court for all issues, including offenses which are liable to summary conviction which include but are not limited to: breaches of by-laws of the Town of Gananoque and offences under the Provincial Highway Traffic Act. While the Courts in Brockville are public, they are not convenient to the citizens of Gananoque, and their function is almost certainly rarely if ever seen by the general population here.

3. The requirement for Constables to appear at Court in Brockville imposes a measureable cost in employee wages travel costs on the taxpayers of Gananoque. It also likely has a negative effect on police manning and availability, and may well increase overall cost of policing due to the increased salary bill and potential to result in overtime wages especially during peak vacation periods.

4. The cost of attending Court in time and travel costs likely reduces the likelihood that citizens of Gananoque will exercise their right to contest summary conviction, and acts as a disincentive for the exercise of the right to be heard. \$10 parking fine vs travel to Brockville to contest = pay the fine even if it is not justified in the opinion of the cited citizen of Gananoque. The distance to Court adds to the cost of legal representation as clients must pay increased time and travel costs for representation by lawyers based in Gananoque.

5. These factors bear on the citizens of TLTI to a similar degree, given their relative distance from Brockville and policing costs.

Recommendation

6. The Mayor of Gananoque engage directly with the Mayor of TLTI, and propose that they jointly approach the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Justice through our local MPP to explore the possibility of bringing back Provincial Court to Gananoque as a travelling Court. This is not a recommendation for a full time Court, but for sessions on a monthly, or bi-monthly basis to

service the needs of the local community. This will provide a service to the citizens of Gananoque and TLT, achieve economies for both Town and TLT.

Fiscal Management and Efficiencies

Current Situation

7. Annual transfers from the Province of Ontario to the municipality of Gananoque have been shrinking year over year, and are almost certain to continue shrinking given statements by the current Provincial Government and the dire financial straits in which the Province finds itself.

8. The Province of Ontario recently committed to transfer to the Town of Gananoque over \$650 000 as a one-time event. The money is intended to fund initiatives to "enhance efficiency".

9. The Town of Gananoque, despite standing capital deficits, took on over \$3 000 000 of debt to build an annex to the Town Hall. That's over \$576 per person at a population of 5200, or roughly two years' worth of capital infrastructure payments on all the water bills in town. We'll be paying interest on this debt for years and years. The Town also has an unknown and unfunded capital infrastructure deficit – we're in the hole.

10. History tells us that over the last 30 years, "free money" from a higher level of government always precedes a devolution of fiscal responsibility. Whatever the Province is going to do, it is almost certainly going to shift costs down.

Recommendation

10. The Town set aside this "one time gift" until it fully understands how the Province of Ontario plans to reduce its transfers to municipalities. If there is no legal requirement to spend the money at all, don't spend it – GIC it and use the proceeds to fund efficiencies in perpetuity. If it must be spent, then spend it specifically and only to mitigate long term effects of the Province's reduced funding. Any other approach isn't fiscally sound.

12. Alternately, if it is within the scope of the Province's conditions this grant be used to fund "efficiency" expenditures already built into the budget such as the \$66 000 budgeted for police server, computers, GPS all of which are designed to increase efficiency, or the \$86 000 for the Official Plan Review as a "better" Official Plan will make the Town more efficient. The equivalent funds would then be transferred to the Town Capital Reserve against future need.

11. I request that my remarks and recommendations be entered into the minutes as written, and as a part of the permanent record of this Council's decisions.

Thank you for your time.

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