

**Present:** Mayor Mitchell (participating electronically)  
Councillor Drumm (participating electronically)  
Councillor Leahy (participating electronically)  
Councillor Lee (participating electronically)  
Councillor Mulcahy (participating electronically)  
Councillor Newman (participating electronically)  
Councillor Roy (participating electronically)  
Councillor Shahid (participating electronically)  
Councillor Yamada (participating electronically)

**Also Present:** M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works  
W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor  
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services  
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development  
D. Speed, Fire Chief  
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer  
H. Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor  
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
C. Harris, Town Clerk  
K. Narraway, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk  
L. MacDougall, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** None noted

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The meeting commenced at 7:11 p.m. due to the Special Council Meeting held prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

C. Harris, Town Clerk, advised that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee of the Whole meeting is being held in a virtual meeting format. He advised that the Committee would receive delegations regarding Item 4.2, CMS 01-21 and Item 4.8, PW 06-21. He provided Members of Council and delegates with an overview of meeting etiquette and procedures with respect to conducting the meeting electronically.

Call to Order

Call of the Roll: The Clerk

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Newman made a declaration of pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act regarding Item 4.2, Community Services Report, CMS 01-21, West Whitby Unnamed District Park specifically related to naming the West Whitby District Park is proposed to be named after a family member. Councillor Newman did not take part in the discussion or voting on any matters related to the naming of the park.

## **General Government**

### **Councillor Roy assumed the Chair.**

#### **1. Presentations**

##### **1.1 There were no presentations.**

#### **2. Delegations**

##### **2.1 Matthew Cory representing Brooklin North Landowners Group Re: Public Works Department Report, PW 06-21 Brooklin Infrastructure Resource Strategy Jan 2021**

##### **Refer to Item 4.8, PW 06-21**

Matthew Cory, representing Brooklin North Landowners Group, stated he had reviewed and was generally in support of the Staff report. He advised that the content of the report was consistent with discussions he had with Staff. Mr. Cory raised concerns regarding Town Staff resources, particularly in Engineering Services for the Brooklin development review. He expressed the need for urgency to proceed with staff resourcing, noting that in north Brooklin alone there were 3 to 5 Draft Plans of Subdivision applications already submitted and being processed by Town Staff and that there could be 10 to 12 more applications in 2021. Mr. Cory commented on the Staff's ability to deal with these applications given the current staffing levels, noting that there was an urgent need to have permanent staffing solutions to deal with the level of growth. Mr. Cory stated that although Staff have offered some interim solutions that could involve consultants, there were

concerns about using consultants as opposed to full-time Staff because Town Staff know the will and standards of Council better than consultants. Mr. Cory further stated that he was happy to see that Staff believe they can manage the current applications with present Staff resources, noting that he would like to see the Draft Plans of Subdivision applications that were already submitted approved within the next few months. He stated that in order to achieve the Town's objectives to process development in Brooklin and to have growth and development charges revenue requires the right resourcing. He stated that he understood that there would also be a 2021 review of the Development Application Approval Process (DAAP) fees and further budgetary updates. Mr. Cory advised that the matter of Staff resources should be dealt with as quickly as possible given the review of DAAP fees, budgetary updates, and the number of development applications that would be submitted in the foreseeable future.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Mr. Cory regarding:

- whether the delegate was privy to the content of budget discussions at the Special Council meeting which took place prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting;
- the expectation for the Town to hire Staff to address immediate needs; and,
- details about discussions with Elexicon and the cost implications of development in Brooklin.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 4.8, PW 06-21, at this time.

**2.2 Astrid Poei**  
Re: Community Services Department Report, CMS 01-21  
West Whitby Unnamed District Park

**Refer to Item 4.2, CMS 01-21**

Astrid Poei, 68 Westfield Drive, stated that she was a resident in West Whitby. She advised that her neighbours were close-knit and that they would be residents in West Whitby for a long time. She advised that she had reviewed the Staff report, noting that it was disappointing and dismissive of taxpayers. Ms. Poei stated that the Town was asked to include more modernized playground equipment, rubberized playground surfacing, to incorporate the honeybee theme, and to eliminate the pickleball courts. She advised that Staff said they would seek the requested honeybee theme and more modern playground equipment. She noted that the original project went to tender at \$2,200,000.00 with

a design from the 1990's, and raised concerns that even with a higher budget, the project would fall short again. Ms. Poei stated that the report does not take into account the previous consultant studies and findings from the Community Open House (COH). She inquired about the purpose of holding the COH when there was already a predetermined outcome. Ms. Poei stated that residents in West Whitby contributed 6% of the purchase price of their property toward development fees, noting that some of those funds went toward the district park. Ms. Poei advised that the contribution represented \$30,000.00 to \$60,000.00 per household. She further stated that the COH summary indicated that 59% of participants were opposed to pickleball courts and that 3% of participants were in support of pickleball courts. She stated that the assertion that residents in opposition of the pickleball courts were unfamiliar with the sport was dismissive and insulting. Ms. Poei referenced the Town's Sports Facility Strategy, noting that it indicates that pickleball courts should be located in an area with a high concentration of older adults and/or near an older adult residential community or facility utilized by older adults since they are the primary participants of the sport. She noted that the strategy also suggests modifications to existing tennis courts through additional line markings and adjustable nets and suggested modifying older tennis courts in an older neighbourhood where the demographics meet the demographics of pickleball players. She stated that the COH Summary indicated that 83% of the participants were between the ages of 25 to 44, noting that West Whitby was not a senior's community. She stated that other facilities were not considered in lieu of the pickleball courts. Ms. Poei raised concerns about safe outdoor recreational winter activities in Whitby due to the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that a skating rink would be a welcome addition and would provide a safe outdoor activity. Ms. Poei requested that Council direct Staff to replace the pickleball courts with suggested items such as tennis or volleyball courts, an additional playground area, an additional multi-skills court, a skating rink or a skateboard park that would be utilized by the residents in neighbourhood.

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Ms. Poei regarding whether a skating rink or a skateboard park was suggested by participants of the COH and whether there was any feedback from Staff during the COH.

- 2.3** Alexander Wray  
Re: Community Services Department Report, CMS 01-21  
West Whitby Unnamed District Park

**Refer to Item 4.2, CMS 01-21**

Alexander Wray, 31 Coho Drive, stated that he and his wife were residents in Whitby and that they purchased and moved into their home in June 2020. Mr. Wray stated that after having grown up in Ajax, the opportunity to move to Whitby and be part of a community that was viewed as vibrant and prestigious was the best decision they had made. Mr. Wray advised that it was important that he speak on behalf his family and community regarding the Staff report. He advised that in the fall of 2020 many members of the community participated in the COH on the Town of Whitby's website with the purpose of the COH being to seek feedback for the parkland development. Mr. Wray further advised that Town Staff provided conceptual drawings, information and details about the proposed park development as part of the COH. He stated that there was flurry of activity surrounding the report, and that after reviewing the report and speaking to members of the community his response to the report was disappointment. He raised concerns with the decision of Staff to proceed with pickleball courts as part of the development, noting that after review of the age demographics of the COH participants 83% of the respondents were identified to be between the ages of 25 to 44. The infographics further indicated that 55% of Whitby's population was between 18 and 54 year olds, noting that the age demographics of the COH participants was the make up of the neighbourhood which was completely contrary to the demographics of pickleball players as outlined in the Town's Sports Facility Strategy. Mr. Wray stated that this was a data driven approach as to why pickleball courts do not belong in the park. He stated that although census data for West Whitby was not yet available, visible minorities make up 55 to 70% of the population in the new development. Mr. Wray commented on residents playing cricket during the summer in empty fields near Highway 412. He advised that residents have expressed an interest in basketball courts, tennis courts, skateboard parks or a flexible space that would allow for an outdoor ice rink. He stated that Mayor Des Newman was an innovative and progressive, and played a critical role in making Whitby the town that he chose to live in. He stated that it was possible that the park would be named after him and that if his legacy of innovation and progressiveness could be applied to this park there would be a winning strategy for everyone. He commented that municipal government was about making communities vibrant, livable, and attractive. Mr. Wray requested that consideration be given to a motion to refer the report back to Staff and to request they recreate, re-engage, and re-imagine this park as part of all of Council's legacy.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Mr. Wray regarding:

- whether Staff provided feedback to respondents during the COH;
- whether feedback from the participants of the COH was in a

- written format; and,
- concerns related to the proposed development of the park aside from the pickleball courts.

**2.4** Raj Vijayakumar  
Re: Community Services Department Report, CMS 01-21  
West Whitby Unnamed District Park

**Refer to Item 4.2, CMS 01-21**

Raj Vijayakumar, 123 Westfield Drive, advised that he has travelled extensively and has lived in ten different cities in North America, noting the opportunities for him to experience both good and bad communities. He advised that when he and his wife purchased their home it was important that the neighbourhood be diverse, inclusive, passionate, and neighbourly. Mr. Vijayakumar advised that he wanted his future children to have a safe place to grow up where they would have a village surrounding them, noting that is what Queen's Common West has become. Mr. Vijayakumar advised that during the COH there were three items that were important to members of the community including replacing the pickleball courts with something more versatile, modernizing the playground equipment, and replacing the engineered wood fibre chips with a rubberized play surface. Mr. Vijayakumar stated that the Staff report did not provide a commitment to the neighbourhood for modernized play equipment and raised concerns that this would not take place. Mr. Vijayakumar stated that the request for a rubberized play surface in the park was dismissed, noting that the Staff report indicated that it would be considered for a future park development. He advised that a rubberized play surface was the safest option for children and that the risk of injury was higher with engineered wood chips. He noted that the 59% of the COH participant's comments were to replace the pickleball courts with something more versatile for the demographics of the community. He stated that the community consists of residents between 24 and 44 years old and young children, noting that the residents should be able to have space that would be inclusive of what they need. Mr. Vijayakumar stated that he hopes that these issues would be corrected before development of the park moves forward.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Mr. Vijayakumar regarding:

- whether Mr. Vijayakumar requested the rubberized play surface at the COH and whether the rubberized play surface was his major concern; and,
- the order of the items of concern by priority.

- 2.5** Mariam Boni  
Re: Community Services Department Report, CMS 01-21  
West Whitby Unnamed District Park

**Refer to Item 4.2, CMS 01-21**

Mariam Boni, 19 Kilmarnock Crescent, stated that she has resided in several cities and attended numerous schools while growing up. She advised that their community was like no other, noting that residents rally to support one another. She stated that she had reviewed the Staff report and was disappointed that the majority of the neighbourhood requests were disregarded, noting that the requests from the community at the COH were very clear. Ms. Boni further stated that it was imperative that the community have a place to come together following the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Boni advised that the community was looking forward to the development of this park, noting that having amenities that the community would not use was a waste of funds and a waste of the space. She advised that her biggest concerns as a parent was the type of playground equipment, the rubberized playground surface and the pickleball courts. She stated that the proposed equipment was disappointing. Ms. Boni advised that she appreciates that Staff were investigating whether the equipment could be modernized, but that she was concerned that this would not happen or only happen for a small portion of the park. She raised concerns about having to go to another park for appropriate amenities when they could potentially just walk across the street. She raised further concerns about the number of requests for the rubberized play surface being dismissed, noting that she would not feel confident about her children playing safely in this park. Ms. Boni stated that pickleball was not a sport played by the majority of residents in the community. She stated that she appreciated the feedback about pickleball being an up and coming sport and its introduction to the Durham District School Board. Ms. Boni raised concerns about the space for pickleball not being used and that a multi-purpose court or tennis court would be a better use of this space.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Ms. Boni regarding:

- details on the type of equipment the community would like to see in the park; and,
- the order of the items of concern by priority.

- 2.6** Cedrick and Nyree Franklyn  
Re: Community Services Department Report, CMS 01-21  
West Whitby Unnamed District Park



**Refer to Item 4.2, CMS 01-21**

Cedrick and Nyree Franklyn, 28 Westfield Drive, advised that he and his wife submitted a detailed written response to the COH. Mr. Franklyn advised that they have four children ranging in age from 10 to 16 years old. He stated that he agreed with previous references to West Whitby being a village where residents were neighbourly and look after each other. He advised that the existing parks were difficult for their children to access. He inquired whether it was suitable for children to visit another park because they are not satisfied with pickleball or the level of playground equipment. Mr. Franklyn stated that the district park would cater to younger and older residents, but not the core demographic of 25 to 40 year olds. He indicated that residents would like to see more multi-use courts or a skating rink for winter use. Mrs. Franklyn stated that this would be the only district park in the area that a multitude of community developments in West Whitby would access. She noted that they were located within a specific strip of land where they cannot easily access another park. Mrs. Franklyn noted that this would be the park that needs to service all of the neighbourhoods and that it needs to reflect what the residents would use. She raised concerns about the safety of her 10 year old son crossing Dundas Street, making his way through the creek to access Jeffery Park when he could walk down the street safely in a neighbourhood where most residents know him. Mrs. Franklyn commented on the choice of equipment, noting that it was geared to toddlers and that pickleball was geared to seniors which would alienate children and adults. She stated that the pickleball courts would be better used for ball hockey or other sports such as volleyball or basketball. Mr. Franklyn stated that he has been a resident of Ajax and Whitby for over 20 years, that he attended elementary school and high school locally, and that pickleball was a sport that he was never taught. He advised that he also investigated post secondary schools, noting that there were not any pickleball teams. Mr. Franklyn stated that pickleball was a sport for a much older demographic.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn regarding:

- confirmation on the demographics of the neighbourhoods in the area consisting of residents between the ages of 25 and 44 with children;
- the order of the items of concern by priority;
- whether converting the pickleball courts into multi-use courts that could be used for tennis, pickleball and other sports would be an acceptable compromise; and,
- whether the other amenities within the park were satisfactory.

It was the consensus of the Committee hear Item 4.2, CMS 02-21, at



this time.

3. Correspondence

- 3.1** Correspondence # 2020-970 received by C. Harris, Town Clerk, from Karey Anne Large, Executive Director, Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area dated December 16, 2020 regarding the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area Board of Management Director Appointments.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Shahid

That Jayne Flieler, Peter Nelis, and Sandra Welch be appointed as Directors to the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area Board of Management for a term ending November 30, 2022.

**Carried**

4. Staff Reports

- 4.1** Office of the Town Clerk Report, CLK 01-21  
Re: Ward Population Review

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- confirmation on the population increase from 135,000 to 200,000 over the next 10 to 15 years and that the ward population review would take place after the election year following 2030; and,
- whether the development of Brooklin would provide better data on population for 2023.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That Staff Report CLK 01-21 be received for information.

**Carried**

- 4.2** Community Services Department Report, CMS 01-21  
Re: West Whitby Unnamed District Park

Having previously declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Newman did not take part in the discussion or voting specifically related to the naming of the District Park.

A detailed question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- the rationale for not recommending a rubberized play surface in the playground area despite the requests from the residents;
- opportunities for residents to be involved in further discussions about the playground equipment;
- a summary of the changes considered by Staff in response to the community consultation and feedback from the residents;
- confirmation on the number of residents that visited the virtual COH;
- confirmation on the COH response with respect to pickleball relative to the number of residents that visited the COH;
- highlights of the responses received from residents with respect to the pickleball court;
- reconsideration of the pickleball courts and whether there would be capacity for a multi-purpose court within the design of the park;
- the possibility of retaining the four pickleball courts, including tennis courts, and the additional cost for tennis courts;
- the additional cost for a rubberized play surface as opposed to the wood fibre play surface, and the criteria used to fairly and consistently determine locations for rubberized play surfaces across the Town;
- the number of pickleball courts located in Whitby and the number of proposed pickleball courts within the development of the West Whitby District Park;
- ensuring that the park would have a play structure for children of all ages to enjoy;
- confirmation on the number of parks in West Whitby, and the proximity of this park in relation to the next planned park;
- the possibility of a multi-use court that could be used for pickleball and/or tennis, and whether it would be feasible to undertake and stay within budget;
- whether the pickleball community participated in the COH for the West Whitby District Park;
- how a multi-purpose field for entry level cricket could be facilitated in the West Whitby park, and whether the field would have lighting to allow for evening play;
- the next opportunity and/or timeline for a pickleball court to be included in a district park;

- whether participants of the COH were notified about the Staff report being presented at this meeting; and,
- confirmation that a multi-use field was already included within the park which would accommodate entry level cricket and that the field would have lighting.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Drumm

1. That Council approve the proposed design elements for the West Whitby Unnamed District Park outlined in Community Services Department Report CMS 01-21 and illustrated in Attachment 1, including a more modern design for park playground equipment;
2. That Council approve a pre-budget commitment request of \$2,847,000 within the 2021 Capital Budget for the development of the proposed West Whitby Unnamed District Park project;
3. That Mattamy Homes and Town Staff be authorized to proceed with the detailed construction drawings, tender documents and contractor selection, subject to pre-budget approval, and tender bid approval; and,
4. That residents participating in the virtual community engagement process be advised of the park project start up construction timing once determined.

**Note: The disposition of the matter, Item 4.2, was determined through the deferral motion below. [See following motion]**

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Shahid

That the main motion be amended by adding the following as Item 2 and that the remaining items be renumbered accordingly:

2. That Staff ensure that the multi-purpose field is lit and is capable of accommodating entry level cricket, and consult with the local cricket community about their use of the field.

**Carried**

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

That Community Services Report, CMS 01-21 be deferred to the Council meeting on January 25, 2021 for Council's decision.

**Carried**

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 3.1 Correspondence # 2020-970 received by C. Harris, Town Clerk, from Karey Anne Large, Executive Director, Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area dated December 16, 2020 regarding the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area Board of Management Director Appointments, at this time.

**4.3** Community Services Report, CMS 02-21  
Re: Community Services Department – 2021 Marina Harbour Division Fees

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That Council approve the proposed fees as outlined in Attachment 1 to be effective February 15, 2021 to February 14, 2022; and,
2. That the Clerk be authorized to amend the Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law 7220-17 to include the new Marina Harbour Division Fees Schedule.

**Carried**

**4.4** Financial Services Department Report, FS 01-21  
Re: 2020 Year End Projection, including an Overview of the Financial Implications of COVID-19, as at September 30

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- whether the surplus in 2020 revenue received from Elexicon would be factored into the 2021 budget;
- whether funds from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve would be used to offset the shortfall should the Elexicon revenue continue to decline in 2021-2022; and,
- whether there would be any consequence to the Long Term Finance Reserve Fund due to the transfer of 100% of the projected 2020 surplus transferred to the Asset Management Reserve Fund.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Shahid

1. That report No. FS 01-21 regarding 2020 Year End Projection, including an Overview of the Financial Implications of COVID-19, as at September 30 be received;
2. That per the Safe Restart Agreement:
  - a. The \$2.75M municipal financial assistance funding received by the Town in phase 1 funding, be solely used to offset the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,
  - b. Any surplus phase 1 funds not utilized in 2020 be transferred to a COVID-19 pandemic reserve fund to offset financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021.
3. That any surplus in 2020 revenue received from Elexicon in excess of the \$4.3M base budget, be transferred to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to be used to smooth out the forecasted budget impact of lower Elexicon revenue in 2022 and 2023;
4. That, notwithstanding the Disposition of Operating Surplus Policy, the remaining 2020 year end surplus be fully transferred to the Asset Management Reserve Fund;
5. That due to the COVID-19 pandemic, scheduled licensing agreement payments from the Whitby Football Club related to the repayment of the Town's up-fronted costs for the soccer facilities be deferred until normal operations are able to resume; and,
6. That staff be authorized to negotiate a revised payment schedule with the Whitby Football Club to be reflected in a future agreement amendment to be authorized by Council.

**Carried**

**4.5** Financial Services Department Report, FS 03-21  
Re: 2020 Uncommitted Reserve and Reserve Fund Projection

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

That the Reserve and Reserve Fund uncommitted balance projection in Attachment 1 of this report be received for information.

**Carried**

**4.6** Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and Financial Services  
Department Joint Report, CAO 02-21  
Re: Community Development Funds – 2020 Annual Report

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee regarding whether any fundraising events for the Mayor's Community Development Fund would take place in 2021.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

That Report CAO 02-21 regarding the 2020 Annual Report for the Mayor's Community Development Fund and the Performing Arts Community Development Fund be received.

**Carried**

**4.7** Public Works Department Report, PW 01-21  
Re: Urban Forest Management Plan – Terms of Reference

Note: This report was withdrawn.

**4.8** Public Works Department Report, PW 06-21  
Re: Brooklin Infrastructure Resource Strategy Jan 2021

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- a synopsis on the staffing resources in Engineering Services and the budgetary impact of meeting staffing requirements for future growth;
- how many additional Staff would be funded in 2021 through the collection of development fees;
- whether Staff can manage the anticipated number of development applications while ensuring Town's standards were maintained without a further impact on the tax base;
- the status on the approval of the Draft Plans of Subdivision applications already submitted to the Town;
- the timeline for updating the engineering fees, and the possibility of using engineering fees to offset the cost of hiring Staff from the tax base;
- the timeline for the review on the DAAP fees and updates to Council on the process.

- continued dialogue with all Brooklin Landowners to provide status updates and an update to Council during the next cycle of Council and Committee meetings; and,
- transferring lessons learned from West Whitby development to future Brooklin development.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

1. That staff report PW 6-21 be received for information;
2. That Public Works staff work with the Financial Services Department to initiate a 2021 review and update of Development Approval Application Process (DAAP) fees related to Engineering services for Council consideration and approval; and,
3. That staff continue to refine the Public Works Brooklin Infrastructure Resource Strategy and update Council prior to future budget cycles with recommended refinements and requirements.

**Carried**

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 2.2, Delegation by Astrid Poei, at this time.

5. Closed Session

The Committee did not move into Closed Session to consider the appointment to the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the recommendation was moved and carried in Open Session.

**5.1** Confidential Memorandum from C. Harris, Town Clerk, dated January 6, 2021 regarding Recommendation for Appointment to the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Yamada

That Naji Hassan's term on the Accessibility Advisory Committee be extended to November 14, 2022 or until a successor is appointed.

**Carried**

6. Rising and Reporting



- 6.1** There were no matters considered in closed session; therefore, the Committee did not rise and report.

**7. New and Unfinished Business - General Government**

**7.1 New and Unfinished Business List - Item MD-4431**

Councillor Mulcahy inquired about the status of Item MD-4431, regarding fishing in Town parks.

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding whether this matter was primarily focused on the lake front.

J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services advised that this matter would be brought back to Council prior to the fishing season.

**7.2 New and Unfinished Business List - Item MD-4914**

Councillor Mulcahy inquired about the status of Item MD-4914 regarding the three-way stop at Whitby Shores Greenway and Scadding Avenue.

S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works, advised that a memorandum to Council would be forthcoming in the near future.

**7.3 Permanent Outdoor Ice Rinks**

Councillor Lee introduced a motion regarding permanent outdoor ice rinks.

A question and answer period ensued between Member of Committee and Staff regarding:

- the possibility of incorporating permanent artificial ice surfaces at Town facilities;
- whether Staff would continue with the installation of ice rinks at Brooklin Memorial Park and Peel Park should the current COVID-19 Emergency Order be lifted in February;
- whether the framing for the ice rinks at Brooklin Memorial Park and Peel Park have been removed;
- whether there has been discussions about using the land in front of Town Hall for an outdoor rink; and,
- whether any discussions have taken place with developers that may be willing to sponsor a refrigerated ice surface.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Lee

Whereas two ice rink locations were identified by staff for the winter of 2021; and,

Whereas Council and Staff have purchased materials and were in the process of building two temporary ice rinks this year, until the provincial Stay at Home Order changed the rules for Ontario residents; and,

Whereas the demand for more outdoor activities, recreation and the desire of residents to have multiple outdoor ice rinks exists in our community; and,

Whereas local businesses have been quick to express desire to sponsor permanent outdoor rinks; and,

Whereas local charitable organizations have had little opportunity in 2020 to fundraise at events and are now searching for opportunities.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that Staff investigate the annual installation of two natural ice surfaces for the 2021/2022 winter season;
2. That Staff investigate opportunities to utilize volunteers and community groups such as Rotary for assistance in the ongoing maintenance and management of the natural ice surfaces;
3. That Staff investigate sponsorship opportunities to help offset any costs for the community outdoor rinks;
4. That Staff investigate opportunities for a permanent artificial ice surface and/or skating trail to be installed within five years; and,
5. That Staff report back on Items 1 through 5, including providing a proposed operating model and financial impacts, both capital and operating, by end of Q2 2021.

**Carried**

## **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Drumm

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.