

Present: Mayor Mitchell (Participating Virtually) (logged off at 5:50 p.m.)
Councillor Drumm (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Mulcahy (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Newman (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Roy (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Shahid (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Yamada (Participating Virtually)

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
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, Head of Operations & Fire Chief
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
C. Harris, Town Clerk
K. Douglas, Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: None noted

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

- 1.1 Mayor Mitchell declared a pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act regarding Item 4.1, Community Services Department Report, CMS 09-21, and Item 5.1, Confidential Community Services Department Report, CMS 10-21, as the lands under discussion in relation to this matter abut or sit upon a portion of 5455 Ashburn Road, a property that Mayor Mitchell and his family have an interest in. Mayor Mitchell did not take part in the discussion or voting on this matter.

2. Presentations

2.1 Phil Fenech, Principal in Charge, Andrew Frontini, Design Principal, and Philip O'Sullivan, Project Manager Senior Associate, Perkins & Will
Re: Whitby Sports Complex

Phil Fenech, Principal in Charge, Andrew Frontini, Design Principal, and Philip O'Sullivan, Project Manager Senior Associate, Perkins & Will provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Whitby Sports Complex. Highlights of the presentation included:

- public consultation sessions for the Whitby Sports Complex (WSC) that helped define the guiding principles of the project;
- three proposed site plans, including the Terraced Courts, Active Plaza, and Bridge;
- an overview of the community engagement sessions and online survey results;
- examples of survey and engagement questions regarding the WSC design options, facilities, and programs;
- commonly requested amenities according to the survey results, including outdoor amenities, indoor gymnasium space, aquatics amenities, and future expansion potential for indoor programs;
- the Active Plaza being the preferred site plan according to community feedback;
- recommendations concerning outdoor amenities, including the provision of a variety of courts, sports fields, and an outdoor skating rink;
- recommendations concerning indoor gymnasium space, including the provision of a double gymnasium and indoor track;
- recommendations concerning aquatics facilities, including a ten lane pool, second-floor viewing area, and a larger pool deck; and,
- recommendations concerning future expansion potential, including integration of an indoor recreation space, increased parking capacity, and adequate seating/viewing capacity for the two arenas.

3. Delegations

3.1 There were no delegations.

4. Items for Consideration

4.1 Community Services Department Report, CMS 09-21
Re: Whitby Sports Complex (WSC) – Community Engagement Analysis and Next Steps

Having previously declared a pecuniary interest, Mayor Mitchell did not take part in the discussion or vote on this matter.

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

- the proposed multi-purpose amenities that may accommodate a large number of people;
- the total number of survey respondents and engagement session participants, and whether any negative feedback was received;
- how the Town will address requests for multi-cultural programs;
- whether mailout cards were sent to all Whitby residents;
- whether additional recreation facilities within the Town may be required in the future;
- whether the Town will consult industry experts when designing the bike/skate pump track;
- integrating programs and facilities that cannot be accommodated by the Whitby Sports Complex (WSC) into future district parks;
- potential private or public partnerships that may offset constraints on the current budget, available physical space, and project timelines;
- whether the WSC design will incorporate multi-use facilities;
- how the WSC project may financially impact other Town projects;
- additional development sites that may be considered for the WSC project;
- whether the public were consulted on their priorities regarding the WSC project versus other projects, such as the new acute care hospital site in Durham Region;
- whether the Town supports the guiding principles presented by Perkins & Will;
- whether the 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan will incorporate the parks and recreation services needs for the entire Town;
- whether construction of the Mid-Block Arterial Road may delay the WSC project;
- future plans for the Whitby Civic Recreation Complex;
- the depth of the proposed pool;
- partnering with Metrolinx to increase parking capacity;
- comparable recreational facility projects from other Ontario municipalities; and,
- how to fund costs not covered by current development charges.

Resolution # 155-21

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

Seconded By Councillor Yamada

1. That the Community Services Report, CMS 09-21 be received as information;
2. That Staff be directed to develop concepts that include additional program amenities as a result of input received from the community engagement and survey results; and,
3. Staff be directed to report back to Council with a preferred design concept which includes additional program amenities, including budgetary impacts.

Carried

Having previously declared a pecuniary interest, Mayor Mitchell left the meeting at this time.

Moved By Councillor Newman
Seconded By Councillor Mulcahy

That Council move in-camera in accordance with Procedure By-law # 7462-18, Closed Meeting Policy G 040, and the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2) (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried

5. Closed Session

5.1 Confidential Community Services Department Report, CMS 10-21
Re: Proposed or Pending Acquisition of Land

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public. [Refer to the In Camera minutes of the meeting - Town Clerk has control and custody.]

6. Rising and Reporting

6.1 Motion to Rise

Moved By Councillor Newman
Seconded By Councillor Drumm

That Council rise from the closed portion of the meeting.

Carried

6.2 Reporting Out

Deputy Mayor Leahy advised that during the closed portion of the meeting, Council discussed a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality, received advice subject to solicitor client privilege, and provided direction to Staff.

7. Confirmatory By-law

7.1 Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 157-21

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy
Seconded By Councillor Shahid

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on May 31, 2021 and the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

8. Adjournment

8.1 Motion to Adjourn

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy
Seconded By Councillor Shahid

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Chris Leahy, Deputy Mayor