



**TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 28, 2010**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
WILMOT RECREATION COMPLEX
6:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor W. Roth, Councillors E. Fung, P. Roe, T. Broda, L. Armstrong

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer G. Whittington, Director of Clerk's Services
B. McLeod, Director of Facilities and Recreation Services S. Nancekivell,

1. **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION – (if necessary)**
2. **MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – (if necessary)**
3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**
4. **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**
 - 4.1 **G.B Architect Inc.
Re: Linkage Options Between Phase I and Phase II – Second Floor
Wilmot Recreation Complex**

Guy Bellehumeur provided the members of Council with handouts relative to an analysis of linkage options between Phase I and Phase II of the Wilmot Recreation Complex. (Attached as Appendix A).

He reviewed each option in detail, citing the modifications that would be required to accommodate the options, as well as the implications and costs associated with each option. Mr. Bellehumeur reviewed travel distances between the two phases and reassured Council that the Council approved drawings, which were adopted in September 2009 had the shortest travel distances for patrons with mobility challenges and advised against any other option.

Mr. Bellehumeur reiterated to Council that the recreation complex (both phases) is fully barrier-free accessible for all persons of all ages. In fact, with the addition of a 2nd elevator, many more power operated interior doors, extra barrier-free shower stall, extra barrier-free parking stalls, wider walking track lanes, walking track handrails, extra barrier-free seating area in the pool on both levels, a deeper covered canopy at the North Entrance, power operated door at all 3 main entrances (building code only demands one), this facility is far more accessible than any other facility of its kind. Persons requiring assistance, including those in wheelchairs, those with scooters, those with canes, walkers, and crutches, those persons pushing a baby stroller or holding a young child in each hand, persons carrying parcels, supplies and equipment, etc., can

easily experience the facility with ease. He advised the members of Council that they should be proud of that.

Mayor W. Roth asked Council for their comments.

Councillor E. Fung thanked Mr. Bellehumeur for his time, thoughts and professional input. He indicated that he was satisfied and enlightened with the review of the travel distances, the addition of the second elevator and felt that there were no accessibility issues. He indicated that the township has shown due diligence in this matter. He had no further questions of the architect.

Councillor L. Armstrong thanked the architect for his comprehensive summary and advised that he has heard that those visiting the existing facility have nothing but praise for it and that it is likely what he will hear about the second phase as well – that it is a facility to be proud of. He was of the opinion that it was unfortunate and unnecessary that Council had to go this far, and that any further changes are not feasible due to the deficiencies they would create, as well as the costs and interference with crowd control. He concurred with Councillor E. Fung that due diligence has been shown and that the building code has been met.

Councillor P. Roe also thanked the architect for his presentation and the explanation of travel distances. He advised that the gains made by installing a new elevator at the south entrance were minimal considering the location of the new northeast parking lot and entrance.

Councillor T. Broda advised that he appreciated the architect's presentation and stated that the issue was never about what is aesthetically right or accessible. He questioned if the architect had looked at every alternative linkage option. Mr. Bellehumeur confirmed that he had looked at options that made sense.

In response to questions about moving the janitor's room and moving the second elevator, Mayor W. Roth advised Councillor T. Broda that the stakeholders involved would lose out because the shuffleboard area, kitchenette and storage areas would be gone.

Councillor L. Armstrong added that removing the janitor's room creates deficiencies for staff, interference for the public and that the consequences outweigh the actions.

Mayor W. Roth advised that if Council was intending to make any changes to the previously adopted decision made in September 2009 regarding the preferred option, that a reconsideration motion would be necessary.

Councillor T. Broda moved that Council reconsider the resolution of September 14th, 2009 which endorsed Report No. PRD-2009-10. There was no seconder to the motion. The motion was lost.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 2010-018

Moved by: L. Armstrong

Seconded by: P. Roe

“THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.”

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk