



TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH
REVISED SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, January 19, 2012
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

AGENDA

A special session of Council has been called to discuss the following:

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

2. Delegations

* *Sherrie Cochrane, Chair and Lisa MacDonald, Vice Chair
Conestogo Recreation Association*

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3. Committee of the Whole

Staff Reports

- 2012 Draft Budget (***Please remember to bring your 2012 Budget binder with you***)

Recreation and Facilities Services
Engineering and Planning Services (remainder of EPS Sections)
Capital (Engineering and Planning Services)

4. Adoption of proceedings of the Committee of the Whole

5. Adjournment

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Conestogo Recreation Association

Tennis Court Proposal

Conestogo is a vibrant community of young families. Currently, the school population is approximately 320. There are already 5 portables and the number of children is expected to grow.

Conestogo Community Park is the only recreational facility within the village other than the Public School.

In the past 15 years , Conestogo Community Park and Recreation Facilities have received minimal upgrades.

Currently, there are two basketball courts where the concrete has cracked and lifted and they are enclosed by a rusted fence that is falling down and rotting at the bottom. Many years ago there were tennis courts and nets. Nets were removed over 10 years ago and never replaced.

This community like so many other communities in the Township deserves appropriate and safe recreation facilities. Our young people have limited access to recreation. Residents of Conestogo do not have access to public transit. Recreational activities have to occur in town or be accessed via a vehicle.

Since early last year, members of the Conestogo Recreation Association have been discussing the urgent need for these recreational upgrades with Dave Ruetz and Brian Detzler from the Township, who attend these Recreation Association Meetings.

At the July 19, 2011, Conestogo Association Meeting, Committee members agreed to put forth a proposal to the Township for the replacement and restoration of the two tennis courts and the surrounding fencing.

During the July 19, 2011 meeting, Brian Detzler agreed to initiate the process with the Township on behalf of the Conestogo Recreation Association in September, 2011. The Association was asking for \$120,000.00 to be included in the Township's 2012 budget.

During the July 19, 2011 Conestogo Recreation Association meeting, Committee members agreed to committee to contributing 1/3 of the proposed funds needed for the new tennis courts in the amount of \$40,000.00. This would be achieved by future community fundraising projects and monies verbally committed.

At the September 17, 2011, Conestogo Recreation Association Meeting, Adrian Conrad, past Chair, presented quotes in the amount of \$57,000.00 for a new surface on the tennis courts. Additional monies would need to be used for removal of the existing surface and the installation of new fencing. Presently, the court measures 118 x 118.

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During the September 17, 2011 Conestogo Recreation Association meeting, Dave Ruetz reported that Brian Detzler had spoken to Larry Devitt and that the Association's proposal would go into the 2012 budget. Dave commented that the Township wanted to work together with the Conestogo Recreation Association to move forward on this project.

On September 23, 2011 the Conestogo Recreation Association 2012 operating budget was submitted to Beverly Baechler which noted a \$120,000.00 budget for the proposal, \$40,000.00 in community fundraising and a Township Allocation of \$80,000.00.

On November 9, 2011, members of the Conestogo Recreation Association including Dave Ruetz and Brian Detzler met with Karen Makela, Director of Recreation and Facilities Services at the Conestogo Community Park. At that time discussions took place around the need for new tennis courts and the Association's proposal to Council for to be included in the 2012 budget. Karen was taken on a tour of the park and shown the dilapidated state of the tennis courts and fencing.

On November 24, 2011, Sherrie Cochrane, Chair and Lisa MacDonald, Vice Chair of the Conestogo Recreation Association attended a meeting of all the Township Recreation Associations along with Karen Makela and other Township representatives. At that time the need for new tennis courts facilities in Conestogo and the proposal to Council was discussed.

On November 30, 2011, Lisa MacDonald, Vice Chair, Conestogo Recreation Association attended a pre-budget meeting with Council members and further discussed the Conestogo Recreation Association request for funding for the 2012 budget.



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