

Prince Rupert Community League

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Prince Rupert Community League was called to order at 7:00 on October 12, 2017 in Central Lion's Centre by Tony Spencer,

Present

Myrtle & Norman Homenuk, Ralph Dyer, Tyson Vandament, Ryszard Lachacz, Tony and Barb Spencer, Bill and Irene Gowans, Sandra Lee, Shannon Biafore , Ilia & Denise Biziaev, David McDine

Agenda/Welcome

Welcome from Tony

MSC - Denise and Tyson: Approval of Agenda

MSC - Denise and Tyson: Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Ralph offered corrections regarding volunteers for Big Bin and reasons for reduction in hockey rink use, and these changes were made

Matters arising from the minutes

1. Review of brainstorming session –
 - a. Board met 2 weeks ago to have a brainstorming session around possibilities for development
 - i. What land to champion; the current lease area on Airways park or the former school grounds?
 1. Pros and cons list for land
 - ii. What to build/create
 1. Heather offered a method to help us decide which project to champion – transformational and desirability were the two criteria settled upon
 2. Considered all ideas with these criteria, using axis considering effort and making a difference
 3. Options considered are below
 - b. We'd like to take a vote on which land to claim
 - c. Add any ideas people would like us to consider

2. Park Benches/Picnic Pad/BBQ pit – Barb
 - a. Benches
 - i. Barco products – metal \$1400, composite \$1000 – Recycled one had 50 year guarantee, lots of colours
 - ii. Also do recycled, round picnic tables, all colours, 50 year warranty
 - b. Shelters:
 - i. 10 X 7 - \$5200 w/ stainless
 - ii. Round through LOWES – 12’ - 10 year warranty - \$4200 – no need to remove panels during winter
 - c. Don’t have a PAD quote yet
 - d. Dave has created a google doc so that we can consolidate our information with link, but we’ll likely hire a contractor and go to tender
 - e. BBQ grills for \$500
3. Snow bank rink: Tyson provided a presentation on snow bank rink options:
 - a. Construct a Snowbank rink, not a full-sized hockey rink
 - b. Framed rink can be more versatile, it’s more permanent, but it’s more money, and it’ll be more attractive to outside agency, tarping may kill the grass, need a larger site and better grading
 - c. Simple rink – no tarp, so no effect on grass, more suited to families and kids, more sites available, smaller, fewer uses
 - d. Requirements – 40 X 20 – \$175 to fill rink
 - e. Simple – Shovel, water, maintenance is the same
 - f. Locations:
 - i. Prince Rupert Park – access to water, good location, benches in place, access and privacy, protected from wind
 - ii. Old school site – if you want a large rink has to be here, access to water isn’t great, no benches, no lighting, very exposed to wind, might need grading
 - iii. Behind the playground on 113 Ave
– small, but it could be 50X50, access to water and visibility not great, but shielded from the wind. Heather has said that if we’re too close to trees, we have to involve forestry.
 - g. We will need insurance, but that’s easy to get - \$250
 - h. Tyson’s recommended simple rink at PR Park
 - i. Ralph likes the school yard b/c it’s visible, helps promote community events. Signs could help to point to a rink located in PR Park. Lighting at the PR Park location could help.
 - j. Bill is suggesting we use the no name park at 112 Ave and 114 St., as it already has water access
 - k. Ralph suggested that there may be a water outlet, too

- l. Murmurs indicate the school yard is better because of access
- m. Tony likes using the same location as two years ago (PR Park)
- n. Barb asks if it's better to create a frame, so we can get a rink, even if there's no snow
- o. Chris wants tarped, framed rink
- p. Tony or Shannon will need to call for insurance

MSC – Ralph, Angela: Build a snowbank rink to a max of \$2000

- 4. Winter sports program
 - a. Tyson offered a list that reviews suggestions for winter sports (attached)
 - b. Heather is offering city equipment for us to use for free, and Royal Alex Hospital has a gym that's unused.
 - c. Barb is suggesting a winter carnival on Family Day (Feb. 19)
- 5. Small Hall – Ilia provided an overhead presentation on potential community hall options:
 - a. How big of a building do we want? Proportion? Impact? Budget?
 - b. Researched building in surrounding communities
 - i. Inglewood – 1395 houses w/ 140 capacity
 - ii. Lansdowne – 455 units w/ 90 capacity (Ilia likes this!)
 - c. Size suggestion – under 2000 sq feet, with small kitchen, skate room, two bathrooms
 - d. Having volunteers could lower building costs
 - e. Suggesting something like Laurier at around \$600000
 - f. Going green – will the city cover 50% of solar panels + other environmental funding
 - g. Shipping containers is not a good idea
 - h. Heather noted that PRCL had contracted an architect (ONPA Architects) who prepared a 2000 sq. ft building design back in about 2010, prior to the Terra/Thai Association partnership late 2012. She suggested that the Board might want to revisit those plans when considering future hall options.
- 6. Basketball pad – David
 - a. 4-6 inch thick will be \$10000 range, could be frozen in the winter
 - b. Questions: What size? Size of this room. Fenced? No.
 - c. Suggestion for using city fire pits, but they aren't that expensive to buy either.
 - d. Suggestion for rubber pad, so that it's more versatile
- 7. Other ideas: Leave shuffleboard and public toilet can be left for later.
- 8. School grounds/airway park space debate

| Airways | |
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| Pro | Con |
| <p>Rink in place Some utilities in place Close to Lion's Includes a parking lot – which is part of our lease Close to Slow Pitch Ball league's wash room and kitchen facilities</p> | <p>We wouldn't have access to a parking lot because of ball league, despite PRCL priority</p> <p>Some potential parking lot conflicts – energy used to handle these When the parking lot is used, cars go to the street anyway Requires more coordination with neighbours</p> <p>The present lease area is on the extreme eastern edge of the PR community, making it generally less accessible and desirable to the community. We lose control of the area</p> |
| School Site | |
| Pro | Con |
| <p>Central location Makes it visible to community members and others Airways is being taken care of by another group (Softball association) Prevents city from putting other facilities on that site (safe injection, etc.) School site is surrounded by streets, so we don't have to coordinate with other groups for BBQs, etc.</p> <p>Toboggan hill Provides for a centralized location for recreation Easy for everyone to walk to Potential future league facilities would be located close to the playground and recreational area. Larger Flexibility</p> <p>If we don't keep the Airways Park location, we can still book through the city to use the parking lot for such things as the Big Bin event</p> | <p>Hook ups – more expensive to get utilities?? As opposed to Airways Park location? Not sure.</p> <p>Does not have a paved parking lot as is currently the case with the Airways Park location. Events may require more street parking, but parking spills out onto the street at Airways Park anyway.</p> |

MSC- Ralph, Barb: Prince Rupert would like to retain school yard as our new Tripartite License area

9. Dry pond communications

- a. Issues: aesthetics, safety, no place to play
- b. Haven't heard from City since a meeting between the dry pond committee and Drainage Dept. in Nov. 2016.
- c. Dry Pond committee (Bill, Ralph, Myrtle) would like to continue to act on behalf of the board. Subsequent discussions with the City will require board support.
- d. Heather: disappointed that Catherine didn't contact us
- e. Dave: Bring in Bev Esslinger if need be to facilitate discussions with the City
- f. Bill: now that we are going to take the school grounds, we'll need to be clear about what EXACTLY we want
- g. Ralph is offering to create a draft terms of reference to bring to the board

President's Report

MSC - Tony, Ralph: Appoint Shannon Biafore to treasurer

MSC - Tony, David/Ilia: Allow Shannon Biafore Signing Authority

- a. Now signing Ralph, tony, Shannon, Dave

MSC: Angela, Ralph Unanimous Budget approval

Next Meeting – November 9th, 2017

MSC - Barb and Bill: Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 by Tony Spencer. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 on November 9, 2017, in Central Lion's Centre.

Minutes submitted by: Angela Saxby