

## Recreation Committee Meeting (Feb.11.2021)

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- **In attendance:** Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster, Alternate Deputy Mayor Solomon Awa, Councilor Joanasie Akumalik, Joel Fortier, Nick Murray, Louis Camil from CGS, Conor Goddard, Rubina Hoque, Tony Rose.

### COVID Update

- March 2020- shutdown as per CPHO. Facilities closed for a period of time. Department put out online activities and videos for the public. Work on phased re-opening (5 phase approach). Plans made with industry standards (lifesaving society, Hockey Canada, CARHA) in mind and working with CPHO. Adapting to CPHO releasing guidelines working to maintain safety for staff and participants.
- Challenging questions from patrons regarding access to the IAC. Conundrum as opening phases have to be approved by the office of the CPHO
- Equitable access to facilities: loss of 1.2 million dollars in revenue. Department has a fiscal responsibility to restore and retain sources of revenue. In order to accommodate Annual Pass Holders, giving them an hour advantage and pre-booking swims (parents and tots, lane swim, gym workout sessions). Ethical conundrum of trying to find a happy medium for equitable access (something the department strives for) but also keeping the fiscal responsibility. There have been complains and compliments. Health of patrons is priority number one.
- Challenges: Annual pass holders wanting to have more access and other patrons feeling left out as annual members have the advantage.
- Parent and Tot Swim (restarted Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021): where most complaints are received. Only ten people allowed per swim. 51% drop in but week by week 62% annual and 38% drop in. Since Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 15

annual passes have been sold. More people want access to the pool, so they have been buying the annual pass, increasing the amount of people with annual passes receiving access. 3 families have applied for Jimmy Kilabuk fund. Email signatures in the department now have a blurb on the fund to spread awareness.

- Joanasie Akumalik: How is contact tracing done in the facilities? Age group for contact tracing? The process to apply for Jimmy Kilabuk.
- Rubina: Reservation system for IAC has been formatted in a way to be able to contact trace and staff are able to know exactly who is in the facility at any specific time. Application to Jimmy Kilabuk is strongly recommended either straight from the Recreation department or some applications come through the Nunavut Arctic College.
- Conor: Groups are required to submit a Return to Play plan that is cross referenced with the City Mitigation plan, they are also required to keep account of all participants coming to the games and practices.
- Nick: Consistency with feedback would be good in setting expectations. Appreciate the gym booking system. Will the booking system stay even after the pandemic calms down? Allows for patrons to know how busy the facility is without physically going in. CBC radio is a good idea for promotion of Jimmy Kilabuk fund.
- Conor: We have had to keep ourselves changing along with new implementations coming through with changing public health phases. We aim to do better as we go along. Booking system will most likely stay post COVID (not confirmed but will definitely be taken into consideration).
- Joel: kids aged 7-13 are missing pool access. Turning some parent and tots sessions into Parent and child so that more kids can have access. Same thing with public and family skate. Spectator area at AWG closed, explanation for that, especially with the new restaurant open in the lobby. Trying different sequences for gym bookings?
- Conor: Swim access (family swim) and family/public skate have been denied from the office of CPHO. We are continuously working towards having more access. Canteen has their own risk mitigation and

relationship with CPHO even though they are in our facilities. They have expectations to manage traffic flow. Lobby remains closed and is a continuous challenge. Meeting user needs will always be taking into consideration in terms of changing gym schedules

- Joanasie: Toonik Tyme hockey cancelled?
- Conor: Yes, at this time but could be different as things go along. 123 Go has plans to run some sort of activity for the community.

### **Pool Access**

- Joanasie: Some people have better access than others.  
Communication with the public about the access to parent and tots
- Proposed resolution: Recreation to come up with an update that can be brought out to Council about the public concerns
- Joanasie: Guest Services workers getting vaccinated?
- Conor: All front-line staff have to be self-identified and some of our workers have gotten vaccinated.
- Nick: Payment plan for annual pass? A possible barrier for people not buying them?
- Conor: Software being used doesn't allow for installments but in the mist of transitioning systems.

### **Recreation Master Plan**

Conor: Began George Harris Collective (Fall 2019) based out of Calgary. Pre-Covid: In person surveys (mass registration, airport), online surveys, targeted surveys (organizations, etc.) Final documents will be available for public access soon.

Key points:

- Assessment of community strengths, gaps, assessment of inventory of facilities.
- Accommodating more art programs in the spaces.
- Implementation of Apex trail.
- Further development of Tarr Inlet trail.
- Will to develop outdoor spaces that are easily accessible.

- Master plan pulls on recreation trends in other Arctic areas and around the world.
- Remodeling of the Ball Diamond to make it more accessible to the public.
- Solomon: Council would like to see the final draft before it goes out to the public.

Meeting Adjourned: Joanasie adjourns meeting, Nick seconds motion.