



MINUTES
Strategic Priorities Committee

July 18, 2023
9:00 am
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Aylward
Councillor Craigmile
Councillor Edney
Councillor Lucas
Councillor Luna
Councillor Pridham

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Andre Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Strathdee called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2023-07-18-01

Moved By: Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT the July 18, 2023 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW

4.1 DEV 38-2023 80 Water St N. (The Flats) Proposed Public Washroom Layout

Brent Kittmer provided an introduction of the orders of the day before the Committee.

Grant Brouwer presented DEV 38-2023 report.

The Committee discussed the various options presented within the report.

Resolution 2023-07-18-02

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT DEV 38-2023 80 Water St N. (The Flats) Proposed Public Washroom Layout report be received for information.

CARRIED

4.2 COR 42-2023 Milt Dunnell Project – Short-Term Priorities Update

Andre Morin presented COR 42-2023 staff report.

The Committee discussed the short-term priority options listed in the report.

Mr. Morin provided next steps in the tendering process for the short-term priority items and informed the Committee that final design costs would be presented at a Council meeting for consideration and approval.

The Committee took a brief break at 10:40 am.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 10:50 am.

Mr. Kittmer provided an update regarding staff's decision to not support the inclusion of soccer fields at Milt Dunnell Field due wet conditions, the number of events at the location and scheduling conflicts, and the opportunity to maximize reciprocal agreements with local schools and use their existing fields.

During the Committee's discussion of short-term priority items for the Milt Dunnell project, Councillor Luna moved the following motion.

Resolution 2023-07-18-03

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT the Committee supports the inclusion of an accessible playground upgrade as priority item number five (5) for the short-term priorities of the Milt Dunnell project.

CARRIED

Resolution 2023-07-18-04

Moved By: Councillor Aylward

Seconded By: Councillor Lucas

THAT COR 42-2023 Milt Dunnell Project report be received; and

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the following Milt Dunnell priority items:

1. Milt Dunnell Field washrooms with budget up to \$150,000
2. Accessible dock \$61,283
3. Farmers' Market paving \$80,000
4. Lawn bowling wooden gutter boards \$8,000
5. Accessible playground upgrades \$29,000
6. Trees, conservation and education (balance of \$333,333 project budget)

THAT staff consult with the St Marys Lawn Bowling Club prior to finalizing the design for the washroom upgrades.

CARRIED

4.3 COR 41-2023 Milt Dunnell Revitalization Project – Engagement Results and Long Term Concept Plan Discussion

Andre Morin presented COR 41-2023 report.

The Committee discussed the engagement results and long-term concept plans for the Milt Dunnell project.

Mr. Kittmer stated that the existing engagement results will be reviewed for further opportunities for improvement prior to the development of master concepts for the Milt Dunnell project.

Resolution 2023-07-18-05

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT COR 41-2023 Milt Dunnell Revitalization Project – Engagement Results be received; and

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Council short-lists the following amenities/upgrades to be included in the revised concepts for the long-term master plan for Milt Dunnell Field:

- Protection from shoreline erosion
- Pedestrian walkways/trails, including along the ring road and connections to the Grand Trunk Trail and Downtown sidewalk network
- Increased tree canopy
- Enhanced lighting
- Additional seating areas and river viewing areas
- Additional picnic areas
- Upgraded pavilion
- Event space

THAT the revised concepts retain the ring road at Milt Dunnell Field; and

THAT Staff be directed to develop three “final draft” master plans for Milt Dunnell Field for future public consultation as recommended in COR 41-2023; and

THAT Mayor Strathdee, Councillor Pridham and Councillor Edney sit on the Milt Dunnell Field internal project committee.

CARRIED

5. NEXT MEETING

August 15, 2023 - 9:00 am

6. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2023-07-18-06

Moved By: Councillor Aylward

Seconded By: Councillor Lucas

THAT this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee be adjourned at 12:11 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk