

Minutes of a Special Board Meeting of the
Lunenburg County Multi-Purpose Centre Corporation (LCMPCC)
Held virtually via Microsoft Teams.
Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Attendance

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Councillor Pam Hubley, Chair
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Councillor Reid Whynot (20 minutes)
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte (Alternate), MODL
Tom MacEwan, CAO
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism

Town of Bridgewater

Mayor David Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Andrew Tanner
Councillor Jennifer McDonald, Vice-chair
Tammy Crowder, CAO

LCLC

Mr. Kent Walsh, General Manager
Isobel Leslie, Scheduling, Administration, Finance Manager

Regrets

Councillor Stacey Colwell (Alternate), TOB
Sandra Challis, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Councillor Hubley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. New Business

2.1 Operating Budget Proposal

Mr. Walsh presented the proposed Operating Budget, circulated in advance of the meeting. The following was noted.

- Increase in wages and benefits – this increase was Aquatics wages – guards and instructors' rates were increased as a market increase and due to the addition of summer lakes and the outdoor pool.
- Contingency account for \$30,000 to facilitate repairs quickly.
- Special event reserve of \$30,000.

- Increase in aquatic centre revenue. Mr. Walsh explained that this current fiscal year spring lessons were cancelled as the Aquatic Centre was closed in May and June. Lessons sold in 2021 which ended up being cancelled, were refunded in 2022. The summer lessons were not well attended. So, the increase in projections for 2022-2023 was getting back to where the LCLC should be at this time. Mr. Walsh noted that for the last actual budget (2020-2021), the LCLC was closed for the better part of five months.
- Question was raised whether the projections could be realised as there has been no return to the facility since 2020.
- It was felt that the projections should be manageable, as the last two fiscals were during COVID with many closures and restrictions.
- Asked when are larger sponsorships renewed and where does the revenue get recognized in the books? Mr. Walsh to follow-up.
- With provincial and federal grants that are realized, does any of the capital dollars previously budgeted go back to municipal units? Mr. Walsh indicated yes.

Other notes:

- With the arena closing for four months, what impact will this have on staffing levels?
- Mr. Walsh indicated that there would be a reduction in staffing hours but other components of the facility such as the pool operations, and general facility maintenance relies heavily on those maintenance staff in the operations department. The shutdown would also provide time to focus on preparing for the Para Cup slated for December. During the past major shutdown, only two full time operators, one custodian and management remained.
- A question was asked about the replacement of car chargers that were listed in the capital budget. The existing chargers are old and are no longer compatible with the newer vehicles.

Total contribution for each municipal unit under this budget between operating and capital would be \$663,694. Mr. Walsh anticipated that he would have money to transfer back to the municipal units (upwards of \$600,000) once the dehumidification / energy projects are completed (anticipated for August 2022) and all funding grants are received. Then there would be commissioning after that. It was noted that by end of 2022-2023 fiscal year with all grants accounted for, the municipalities would have a better idea how much will be returned by the LCLC to the municipal units.

2022-10 Moved by Mayor Mitchell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tanner that the Board recommend the approval of the proposed 2022/ 23 LCLC Operating Budget of \$1,054,916.00 to the respective Councils for approval with each Council's contribution being \$527,458.00 each. Carried.

3. Adjournment

2022-11 **There being no further business at 2:40 p.m., it was moved by Mayor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor McDonald that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**