

CANADA GAMES PARK OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Monday, March 10, 2025
Hosted by: Niagara Region
Location: Zoom Meeting
Meeting Chair: Geoff Holman, City of Thorold
Recorder: Kathy Beach, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services, Niagara Region

Attendees:

Dave Baldoni	City of Thorold
Brooke Nicholson	City of Thorold
Eric Lamothe	City of St. Catharines
Phil Cristi	City of St. Catharines
Lara Verdone	Meridian Centre
Jeff Dixon	Meridian Centre
Edward Wall	Brock University
Salee Johnson-Edwards	Brock University
Courtney Smith	Brock University

Guest(s): Tammy Dumas, Niagara Region

- 1. Adoption of Agenda** – Approved – Item added to Business: Hosting Pow Wow Event (from Phil)
- 2. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2025**

Motion:

That the CGP Operations Committee Meeting minutes dated February 10, 2025, be **APPROVED**.

Moved by Ed Wall

Seconded by Phil Cristi

Carried.

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3. Business -

- a. LEAD Process Workplan (Tammy)

Tammy noted she updated the LEAD Process Workplan with items that are in progress and has shared with this committee looking for members to also add any new items or updates as they review. Tammy indicated that actions have not been started yet and the focus is on the audit at this time.

Actions:

1. This item will be brought forward to the Management Committee for further instructions and next steps once the site visit to the Whitby Abilities Centre and the CGP audit are completed.

- b. Parking (Lara)

Lara advised the committee that the parking lot is at capacity most nights and weekends. There was a suggestion from the Mayor of Thorold, for overflow parking to be located at the Niagara Region – and also at Brock on weekends.

Lara is working with the Niagara Region and Brock on planning and on signage. It was noted that Thorold By-law Officers monitor the Niagara Region lots and will ticket during the week.

- c. Hosting Pow Wow (Phil)

Phil advised the consortium that he had a conversation with a member of the Pow Wow Committee who indicated they had submitted proposed dates of October 3 – 5, 2025 to CGP for their Pow Wow Event, which is typically held at the Meridian Centre.

It was noted that due to the number of attendees and parking, and also due to some events taking place inside and outside, the facility will need to be allocated solely for this event. It will require multiple days of preparation, set-up and clean-up.

Action:

Lara will provide a detailed memo to the consortium later this week with an estimate on the costs involved and what the impacts would be. This item will be brought forward for review and approval at the next meeting.

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4. Other

Next meeting: March 25, 2025