

CGP CONSORTIUM - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023
Hosted by: Niagara Region
Location: Zoom Meeting
Meeting Chair: Todd Harrison, Commissioner, Corporate Services, Niagara Region
Recorder: Kathy Beach, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services, Niagara Region

Attendees:

David Oakes City of St. Catharines
Manoj Dilwaria City of Thorold
Geoff Holman City of Thorold

Guests:

Jeff Dixon Meridian Centre
Lara Verdone Meridian Centre
Clevette Coombs Whitby Abilities Centre
Pinder DaSilva Whitby Abilities Centre

Regrets:

Scott Johnstone Brock University
Ron Tripp Niagara Region

1. Adoption of Agenda – Approved

2. Business

- a. Whitby Abilities Centre Introduction (Pinder/Clevette)

Pinder presented the Leading Equitable and Accessible Delivery (LEAD) process and training as originally presented to a few members of this committee in November 2022. LEAD is one of Whitby Abilities Centre's signature consulting areas where they support individual organizations to assess their accessibility and inclusion processes, policies and procedures. She noted this case is unique since it is representing multiple organizations, and therefore will be facilitating LEAD as a consortium rather than as individual organizations.

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Pinder provided background, objectives and process of the Abilities Centre LEAD system. Roundtable discussion ensued. Next steps include beginning the LEAD process at the end of September or early October, in-person to include pertinent staff from each partner's organization.

Action:

Marta Swirydowicz, Abilities Centre will reach out to Kathy Beach to coordinate a full-day session with the partners to begin the LEAD process.

b. Lease Agreement Update (All)

- Jeff believes there is a meeting being set up this week regarding Brock/CSIO lease.
- He noted they are continuing with allocating spaces for gym and track, fall/winter and ice usage.
- Jeff also indicated since last year, he continues to ask Sport Niagara for a list of all of their sport items that will be transferred over, but still has not received anything to date.
- Jeff noted without the CSIO lease agreement in place, there is about \$100,000 in revenue to date that was budgeted but have not received. This lease revenue lost can be made up by being efficient in certain areas but cannot get back past rent, and without the agreement in place, CSIO continue to utilize space rent-free.

3. Updates

a. Independent Operator (Jeff/Lara)

- Surplus furniture will be discussed at the next consortium meeting.
- Lara indicated they continue work on their allocation process preparing for fall.
- Ice is going in next week in one of the rinks.
- Through Thorold Elite, Jeff and Lara have had good conversations with the Hamilton Olympic Club, who has a relationship with the City of Hamilton and their outdoor athletics centre. They provided them with some great ideas that may help with some capital improvements at some point down the road.

4. Other

5. Next meeting: August 9, 2023