

CGP CONSORTIUM - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Hosted by: Niagara Region
Location: Zoom Meeting
Meeting Chair: Ron Tripp, CAO, Niagara Region
Recorder: Kathy Beach, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services, Niagara Region

Attendees:

Todd Harrison Niagara Region
Scott Johnstone Brock University
Manoj Dilwaria City of Thorold
Geoff Holman City of Thorold
David Oakes City of St. Catharines

Guests:

Jeff Dixon Meridian Centre
Ken Chan Brock University

Regrets:

Lara Verdone Canada Games Park

1. Adoption of Agenda – Approved

2. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2022 - Approved with amendment

3. Business:

a. 2025 Ontario Parasport Games (T. Harrison)

Todd indicated he received a request from the Brock Niagara Penguins, for the Niagara Region to host the 2025 Ontario Parasport Games on June 6 - 8, 2025. The games are held every two years and have between 400-550 participants in each event. The games budget is \$400,000, and they are looking for in-kind and financial support totalling a minimum of \$125,000 towards the games. Discussion ensued.

Action:

Todd to send the information to the group for review and consideration.

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Recommendation:

For the Consortium Management Committee to discuss Sport Niagara with Doug Hamilton regarding Sport Niagara's participation as the guarantor.

Agreed to by consensus.

b. Walker Sports and Abilities Centre (R. Tripp)

Ron noted he had a productive meeting with the Abilities Centre in Whitby. They shared their expansion plans and program information. They would like to continue conversations as we develop the legacy plans, where there may be an opportunity to leverage to become an affiliate member with an MOU agreement.

Recommendation:

To continue having further discussions with the Abilities Centre in Whitby, as there is a general indication the consortium would like to add this to the legacy plan.

Action:

Ron will arrange a site visit and meeting in Whitby, with the Host, for sometime in early October.

Agreed to by consensus.

c. Finance Committee re Cash Flow and Consortium Partner Approvals (S. Johnstone)

Scott noted the consortium should be taking recommendations and advice from the Finance Committee. Discussion ensued regarding developing a tighter process for these approvals. Todd also indicated the August financial results and updated 2022 budget would be available at the next Finance Committee meeting on September 30th.

Recommendations:

- To develop a protocol and budget approval process when working with ASM and the Finance Committee.
- To provide monthly financial updates to the consortium management committee once results are finalized.

Agreed to by consensus.

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- d. Legacy Planning – Including Recent Email from Doug Hamilton (S. Johnstone)

Ron indicated there is a need to get together with Doug to discuss legacy planning.

Action:

Kathy to invite Doug Hamilton to the next consortium meeting on October 5th.

- e. Possible Labour Disruption (R. Tripp)

Ron provided an update indicating that CUPE 1287 is currently in a strike position. CUPE 1287 is one of our six bargaining units with about 900 members, largely in Public Works, and including some areas in Community Services such as SAEO offices and childcare centres. The Region is in the conciliation process with bargaining scheduled for today and tomorrow, with a deadline of midnight, Friday, September 23.

Ron pointed out there is word picketers are being told by the CUPE executives to park either at Four Points Sheraton Hotel or at Canada Games Park. It is the hope this potential labour disruption will be avoided.

4. Updates

- a. Independent Operator (IO) Transition (J. Dixon)

- Status quo continues in assigning space.
- Jeff's team will work on draft communication on how to book space.
- Working through items with Brock Sport related to tenant space.
- Working through sponsorships requirements.
- Recruitment is in the final stages for a new Director of Finance to replace Robert Jones who is retiring.

Recommendation:

Invite the Sponsorship Committee to attend an upcoming consortium management meeting to provide a sponsorship update.

Agreed to by consensus.

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5. Other

Indigenous Artwork Crosswalk

(R. Tripp)

Ron mentioned there is a ribbon cutting ceremony with Council on Thursday, September 22nd at 3:30pm at the Canada Games Park, for Truth and Reconciliation, moving forward with initiatives, and for unveiling the painted original indigenous artwork crosswalk, that connects the Niagara Region's International Plaza to the Canada Games corner. He encourages all to attend the ceremony.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2022