

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OKANAGAN AQUATIC CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 VIA ZOOM

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Syilx Okanagan Nation and their people, in whose territory we stand and are gathered upon today.

Present: Chairperson
Town of Osoyoos Mayor Sue McKortoff
Town of Osoyoos Councillors Jim King, Meyers Bennett
Osoyoos Indian Band Council Member Sammy Louie
Town of Oliver Mayor Martin Johansen
Town of Oliver Councillors Petra Veintimilla, Dave Mattes
Town of Oliver Community Representative Chantal Steele

Absent: Town of Osoyoos Community Representative Barry Romanko
Osoyoos Indian Band Chief Louie
Osoyoos Indian Band Council Members Sonya Jensen
C. Sheridan, Oliver Parks & Recreation Manager

Staff: G. Davis, Town of Osoyoos Director of Community Services
S. Dynneson, Town of Osoyoos Program Supervisor
M. Campol, Osoyoos Indian Band Chief Operating Officer
D. Vaykovich, Town of Oliver Corporate Officer
C. Meiklejohn, Mad Studio
J. Hack, Sierra Planning

Media: Lyonel Doherty, Times Chronicle

A CALL TO ORDER 10:00 AM

A-1 Chair Councillor Mattes

B ADDITIONS/CHANGES

C ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ACC- MOVED and SECONDED
04/2021

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

D ADOPTION OF PRIOR MINUTES

D-1 Adoption of July 7, 2021 South Okanagan Aquatic Center Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ACC-
05/2021 MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the July 7, 2021 South Okanagan Aquatic Center Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

E MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

F NEW BUSINESS

F-1 Sierra Planning

i. Site evaluation analysis

Five sites remain for consideration as listed. The site evaluation analysis will be placed on hold to enable movement on the public engagement process.

- Oliver Parks & Recreation, Oliver
- Hwy 97 & Road 1, Oliver
- Desert Park, Osoyoos
- Test Orchard, Osoyoos
- Hwy 97 & Fruitvale Way

Correspondence dated July 14th to MoTI with regard to the prospective site location involving the former gravel pit adjacent to Highway 97 near Osoyoos seeks questions on the process to decommission the ROW to accommodate the aquatic facility and to proceed with the formal application for crown land. MoTI responded advising that the process to secure crown land is by submitting an application to Front Counter BC. MoTI will undertake the process to cancel their interest in the property, and advised that a road closure process is necessary to utilize the ROW which can be expensive and lengthy. A Reclamation Report was received by MoTI.

OIB requested that they be included in this process early when discussing or submitting the application to Front Counter regarding the crown land parcel.

F-1 ii. Update on process

Public and Stakeholder Engagement Process

As part of the public and stakeholder engagement process Sierra will be determining the core needs and filter items that may be deemed non-essential for the aquatic facility. Utilizing best practices to determine space requirements; i.e., lanes for lap swimming, number of tanks, foyer size, and meeting spaces. Determining the capital and operating costs and how they will be funded. Communication on these findings will be reported to the public. Sierra is committed to on-ground meetings and 3 meetings with each government to present the final report.

iii. Draft survey questionnaire – Discussion

Recommending to go out to the public to determine their desires as an all inclusive approach. Please review the draft survey and forward comments to Sierra.

- Public meeting to be held following COVID protocols; registration system to keep to the 50 maximum
- Sierra is meeting with RDOS' consultant developing the Regional Recreation Master Plan to ensure the survey questions are not impacted by the feedback from this planning
- Phrase questions that do not have responses just related to COVID year(s)
- Include regional district areas for location
- Questions relating to money to be phrased that speak to value of service; rather than cost increase or what are you willing to pay
- Consider those answering questions are qualified; i.e., competitive swimmer will answer differently than recreational

iv. Timelines for survey and advertising

- Joint News Release to announce the survey
- URL and landing page to be developed by Sierra and promoted by each government
- Targeting survey completion mid September to meet OIB's monthly newsletter release

v. Other potential items for consultation/discussion

Other Items:

Consultant commented that the OIB Arena project, which Oliver and Osoyoos have indicated support, could impact the planning of the aquatic feasibility study. Consideration for placement of the arena and aquatic center together, building simultaneously would realize efficiencies in design and overall cost. If these facilities are conjoined could affect how Sierra completes final reporting to government.

OIB advised that the grant application has been submitted and could hear in the next few months. The direction is for Sierra to keep within the scope of their terms of reference just for the aquatic centre.

G ROUND TABLE

H UPCOMING MEETINGS

H-1 October 6, 2021

I ADJOURNMENT 11:10 am

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06/2021

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED AS CORRECT

Chair

Corporate Officer