

PINCHER CREEK FACILITIES PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2017 - 6:30 pm

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attending: Faith Zachar, Councilor Mark Barber, Councilor Wayne Elliott, Diane Burt Stuckey

Absent with Regrets: Adam Grose, Councilor Fred Schoening

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Faith Zachar.
2. Adoption of Agenda – **Motion:** Councilor Mark Barber moved that the Agenda for October 3, 2017 Committee meeting be adopted as presented. Carried.
3. Approval of Minutes – **Motion:** Councilor Mark Barber moved that the Minutes of the September 6, 2017 Committee meeting be approved as presented. Carried.
4. Business
 - a. Curling Rink Site Plan

Talbera provided 7 site plan options for the location of a curling rink at the MPF location. The Committee discussed the various options with advantages and disadvantages of each as follows:

Option A: Directly behind MCC Arena (East/West Orientation)

 - OK location as could be good tie-in with new arena in future and good connection with parking.
 - Less impact to site - structure is “hid” by the Arena.
 - Concern over the proximity to the creek bank area - a 6 sheet facility would have to extend into lower bench which could increase construction costs.
 - Concern that Curling Rink would limit access to the back of the Arena in the short term.
 - Bike park would be impacted in Phase 1.

Option B: Directly North of MPF Waterslide Area (North/South Orientation)

 - Limits visibility of skatepark/bike park area (security issue) with big building.
 - Limits area for future arena construction i.e. either takes out parking lot or facility would lose a season if stays where it is. Good connection if arena were to be built where it is now.
 - Parking would be further away for both facilities if Arena is built east of the curling rink in future.
 - North parking lot affects tennis courts – could make this parking a phase 2 project.

Option C: Built on Skate Park/Tennis Courts

- Would lose Skate Park & Tennis Courts in Phase 1.
- View would be nice, but kind of hidden away on site.

Option D: North East of Tennis Courts (2nd Preference)

- Less impact to site as tucks in behind mobile home park.
- Allows more green space.
- Good traffic flow, a lot of parking & bus parking but concern over Macleod Street access as shown.
- 6 sheets would impact the tennis courts
- Concern that the land slopes/drops at the north end and there could be additional construction costs; also, that this area has flooded in the past.
- Could the building be brought closer into the site and the Macleod Street access addressed i.e. come in on Maple Street instead?
- Skate park could be removed and tennis courts shifted over 1 to allow sufficient room for the rink if 6 sheets.
- Favorable option.

Option E: North of Spray Park (1st Preference)

- Bus lane takes out tennis courts and skate park in Phase 1, unless road is adjusted to connect with Maple Street or made 1 way traffic flow; or bus lane removed on north side of the parking lot is eliminated.
- Like the handicapped parking and drop off zones.
- Good street presence (Robertson).
- Could dress up entrance of building to look nice on the south & east side.
- Keeps an open view from the spray park areas and retains green space behind arena, but takes away green space north of the spray park.
- Allows space for ice arena in future, west of the curling rink or to stay where it is now.
- Could curling rink go further forward towards Robertson Ave?
- Keeps tennis courts & bike park if parking lot is reduced on the north end.
- Favorable option.

Option F: North of MPF Waterslide Area

- Is similar to Option B but provides a bit more green space north of MPF facility.
- Impacts Tennis Courts and Bike Park in Phase 1.
- Resolves

Option G: Existing Site

- Old swimming pool/storage building would have to be removed.
- Reduces parking lot by arena but adds area where old pool was.
- 6 sheets would reduce traffic flow/parking by arena in short term.

General comments:

- Want to try to keep the tennis courts & skate & bike parks as long as possible.
- Close handicapped parking is important.
- Soccer field would be removed to accommodate any of the options.
- Really need to think about how arena could integrate in future, how parking, building access etc. is impacted (almost like Phase 1, phase 2 etc.).
- All parking may not need to be developed in first phases.
- Felt that a project like this could be a “design build project” – say this is how much \$ we have, this is where we want it, and to see what they could do.
- Felt that we should leave the 6 sheets in during the planning as it could determine the best location.
- Concerns over the access from Macleod Street as that corner has some traffic issues. Maybe re-work the access from Maple Street or only have one access off Elm Street.
- Noted that # of parking stalls is stated for each option i.e. 165 cars to 195 which would accommodate all activities on the site.

This information and feedback will be passed onto the consultant so they can proceed with further design.

It was noted that the Curling Club has applied for the \$1 mil CFEP Grant, deadline October 1.

b. Sport Field Project

Diane mentioned that Strathmore is building a new sports field complex with soccer and ball diamonds and that we will contact them for information about their project.

5. **Date of Next meeting** – November 7, 2017 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

6. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.