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STAFF REPORT: RECREATION DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: Infrastructure & Recreation
MEETING DATE: February 12, 2013
REPORT NO.: DOR .13.03
SUBJECT: Curling Club update
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Director of Recreation

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 13.03. "Curling Club update" for information purposes.

B. Background

At the January 21, 2013 meeting of Council, Mike Hammond on behalf of the Curling Club Working Group made a request to have a meeting with Council to discuss the process and support of the proposed development the Beaver Valley Curling Club facility. This deputation was a follow up to Report FIT12.65 that was presented at the December 17th, 2012 Council meeting that recommended the use of \$10,000.00 of Development Charge funding to fund a feasibility study for the curling club. This report was not accepted by Council and as a result, the Beaver Valley Curling Club Working Group was requesting a meeting to determine next steps.

Staff met with representatives of the group on January 24, 2013 and the following process was identified as possible next steps for the group.

- 1) The working group would review the recommendations approved by Council contained in Staff Reports DOR 10.05, DOR 10.33 and DOR 11.13.
- 2) The Curling Club working group with assistance from partners and would fund 100% of the funding to develop a Feasibility Study based on the report recommendations identified in step 1. The director of Recreation would provide support in that Feasibility Study process.
- 3) A Feasibility Study supporting the development of a Curling Facility would provide direction to the working group to move forward based on the previous recommendations in the reports identified in step 1.
- 4) A Feasibility Study finding little to no supportable basis for the development of a Curling Facility would provide direction to the working group not to continue with this proposed project.
- 5) The feasibility Study and recommendations continued within that study would be included into the 2013 Leisure Activities Plan process.

The working group would like to continue to pursue the potential of Curling Club Facility being constructed. The Group has acknowledged that the feasibility study is the critical next step to move forward with, and is prepared to fund this study. Staff does believe that there is benefit in completing this study within the Leisure Activities Plan process and will also provide important information into the 2014 Development Review Study.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

- Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs
- Supporting and development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

D. Environmental Impacts

Enhancing the Towns active lifestyle opportunities.

E. Financial Impact

There will be no Town funding required for the completion of the Curling Club Feasibility Study. Staff would recommend completing a feasibility study in tandem with the Recreation Master Plan update.

Much light would be shed on the future direction and the long term feasibility of a curling facility through this exercise. As well, the findings can then be incorporated into the Recreation Master Plan and subsequently the updated Town Wide DC Background Study that would be completed in 2014.

F. In Consultation With

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Robert Cummings, Director of Finance & IT Services
Darcy Chapman, Capital Accountant
Beaver Valley Curling Club Working Group

G. Attached

None at this time

Respectfully submitted,

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