

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL AREA A/TOWN OF GOLDEN AQUATIC CENTRE FEASIBILITY STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday May 13, 2020
electronically via Zoom Meeting software

Note: The following minutes are subject to correction and are draft until adopted by the Feasibility Study Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

PRESENT

Advisory Committee Members

Darcy Mooney (Chair) Manager, Operations Management, CSRD

Stephanie Chomiak Kat Coatesworth
Irene Gray Brian Gustafson
Spencer Lainchbury Scott Weir
Justin Telfer

Karen Cathcart Director, Electoral Area A
Ron Oszust Mayor, Town of Golden
Jordan Petrovics Manager of Recreation Services, Town of Golden

Staff

Phaedra Turner Team Leader, Administrative Services, CSRD

Project Consultants

Paul Fast Partner in Charge, HCMA
Darin Harding Project Lead, HCMA
Marni Robinson Director of Community and Stakeholder Engagement, HCMA
Isabel Cullather Engagement Coordinator, HCMA

The meeting commenced at 2:07 PM MDT

CALL TO ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA K. Coatesworth/S. Weir THAT:
 • The agenda be approved as presented

CARRIED

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed all attendees who were signed on to the meeting electronically.

COVID 19 IMPACT TO PROJECT The Chair summarized what has occurred globally as result of the COVID-19 pandemic since the open house events were held March 11, 12 and 13, 2020 in Golden and the surrounding communities

The Project Lead, Darin Harding provided a summary recap of what HCMA has been working on since the open house events. Question posed to Committee regarding the general tone in Golden and area resulting from the pandemic. How has it impacted to local economy? Committee members are concerned that people's income could be impacted from the shutdown. People are still interested in the project but costs are

even more concerning than ever. People's priorities and landscape could be shifting. The Electoral Area Director is still hearing from residents that they hope the project will still move forward. People still seem to want a sense of normalcy and are interested in next steps. Some Committee members indicated the project may not be on the top of people's minds right now.

**OVERVIEW OF RESULTS
FROM ENGAGEMENT
PHASE – TECHNICAL
MEMO #2**

The HCMA team members provided a review of Technical Memo #2, which summarizes the engagement results from the first round of public engagement.

Engagement Coordinator Isabel Cullather provided a summary of the online survey results. There were 1361 survey responses which is a very good number for a community the size of Golden and Area A. Roughly 2/3 of the respondents were residents from the Town of Golden.

HCMA Project Lead Darin Harding provided a review of the high level recommendations based on the communications resulting from the public engagement and the survey. The consensus was the results were what was expected they would be from the public. It is evident that the Committee and the general public are on the same page for what could be a feasible option for the community. The most common theme identified is the facility must be affordable.

Key guiding principles drawn from the public engagement concur that the facility must be family friendly and environmentally sustainable. Design and programming features should include a balance of leisure and fitness, a strong support for children's activities, and the facility should maintain a feel for the great outdoors.

The Technical Memo #2 document summarizes the following key recommendations for the facility resulting from the engagement:

- Leisure Pool Focus
- Six Lane 25 m Lap Tank
- Hot Pool
- Indoor/Outdoor Connection
- Universal Change Rooms
- Sustainability
- Community Living Room
- Accessibility
- Fitness Space
- Incorporation of other recreation spaces in future phases

General discussion occurred regarding the identified recommendations within the document with the Committee.

**REVIEW DRAFT VISION
STATEMENT AND
PRINCIPLES**

HCMA Partner in Charge, Paul Fast discussed next steps now that the results of the first round of engagement are known. How do we test some viable options in the community now based on people's opinion of affordability? What do we offer to the community so they can let us know what options are not enough, too much or yes it is affordable?

Two options were presented to the Committee for discussion; Option 1 one being a combined tank for the leisure and lap pool, and Option 2 being a separated tank option for lap and leisure pools. Committee members were asked for their feedback with

Option 1 vs 2. Questions were asked about operational costs of the two different options.

Discussion occurred regarding aquatic features, extra items such as a waterslide, hot pool and steam rooms. Conclusion from the Committee was to move forward with a focus on sauna steam room, hot pool and kid focused small slide and climbing wall.

Additional discussion regarding the importance of operational costs being presented to community to help make an informed decision. Committee overwhelmingly agrees that people need to know the bottom line price will be on their taxation roll, including the operational costs of a new facility, vs what the current costs are now. HCMA will propose a scope change to the project team to provide operational costs as part of the project and for information to provide to the public when presenting options.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
NEXT STEPS**

Marni Robinson, Director of Community and Stakeholder Engagement, reviewed the next steps in terms of public engagement and presented three different options to consider now that the COVID 19 pandemic will require a modified approach to the next community engagement phase. The general consensus is to provide a combination of electronic engagement and socially distanced in-person engagement in order to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to provide feedback.

NEXT STEPS

Next steps for the project team will be to finalize the scope change to accommodate the modified engagement plans, seek board approval for any funding additions and to build a new timeline for the study because of these changes. The technical memo will be added to the project microsite and a communication blitz and more questions to come out over the summer months.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will occur in late June, after the CSRD June Board meeting. An exact date will be determined and presented to the Committee at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM MDT