

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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

Minutes of the workshop held on Wednesday, November 25, 2020
Via Zoom Electronic 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
Spencer Lainchbury	Scott Weir
Justin Telfer	Brian Gustafson
Kat Coatesworth	
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
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Project Consultants

Darin Harding	Project Lead, HCMA
Isabel Cullather	Engagement Coordinator, HCMA

The meeting commenced at 2:10 PM MST

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM and confirmed all attendees signed on to the meeting electronically. The Chair informed the group that Irene Gray has regretfully sent in her resignation as a committee member. Ms. Gray is relocating to another community. The Chair acknowledged her valuable input to the project and thanked her for volunteering to the Committee.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

S. Weir/S. Lainchbury THAT:

- The agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

S. Weir/S. Lainchbury THAT:

- The minutes from September 24, 2020 be approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION

HCMA Project Lead Darin Harding introduced the engagement survey.

REVIEW SURVEY RESULTS

Engagement Coordinator Isabel Cullather presented the results of the Ethello online engagement survey.

- 1,118 Participants
 - 86% of those participants were homeowners
 - 30% were business owners
 - 62% lived in Golden, 38% in Area A

**REVIEW SURVEY
RESULTS (cont.)**

- Of the participants, the largest age group at 39%, was the 35 to 48-year-old age category.
- In the Pool Configuration section, the feature that received the most support by far was the Six Lane Lap Pool and Leisure Pool separated tank concept at 81%.
- In the Additional Features section, the options that received over 50% support from the participants were the hot tub (70%), multipurpose room (59%) and sauna/steam room (56%).
- The Additional Features that did not receive over 50% support were the climbing wall (44%) and the fitness space (48%).
- In the Grant and Cost section, 26% of participants said they would support paying between \$200 and \$300 per year on their taxes to have a new pool facility. 23% of participants identified they were comfortable paying up to \$100 annually towards a new facility.
- In the Project Support section, 82% of participants supported the design they selected for the aquatic centre. Of the associated taxes, 67% of the participants supported the costs calculated in their design.

The Committee discussed in detail the above results. The survey question regarding whether there was support for a gymnasium to be added to the facility received 41% support for the feature to be added to the facility now, and 35% for later. It was obvious there was some confusion from participants around what was a gymnasium vs a fitness centre. There were further comments from participants that they needed more information regarding the existing Rec Plex and how much life was left and what would happen to the existing building if a gymnasium were added to the pool building. Most concerns identified regarding the gymnasium question were about the existing facility. The Engagement Coordinator suggested these types of comments identify that the focus of this feasibility study should be on the pool specifically, knowing that later in the future, a gymnasium could be added on. The information regarding the existing Rec Plex is great information for the Town of Golden to utilize and consider when planning for future upgrades or replacement of the facility.

The full Ethello summary report of the engagement results will be posted on the GoldenOnDeck website for the public to review.

**RECOMMENDED
FEATURES**

In summary, the recommended features for a new aquatic facility should include:

- Six Lane Lap Tank and Leisure Pool Tank
- Hot Tub
- Steam/Sauna Room
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Designed to accommodate a future gymnasium as an add on

Overall, the recommended design is typical for an aquatic centre, with nothing surprising or unusual identified. Question asked to HCMA Project Lead regarding whether the upper-level fitness centre could be added to the facility later. It could be added later but would be way more costly and would not be easy to do. If it were going to be done, it really should be included in the initial build, to save the most costs. Further discussion regarding the facility condition assessments that were recently completed on the existing pool and Mt. 7 Rec Plex. Residents will want answers regarding these facilities and the Town of Golden's plan for future expenditures and upgrades, in order to determine if they will support the project. There is a consensus amongst the Committee that there seems to be

support for the project within the community. The online engagement survey can be used as a tool going forward for further public consultation and a possible referendum.

NEXT STEPS

HCMA Project Lead reviewed the next steps for the project. Technical Memorandum #3 will be prepared and published on the website before the end of December 2020, which will summarize the final preferred design option. In January 2021, HCMA will advance the concept design with the various engineering disciplines to further refine the Class D estimates. HCMA will develop visuals and a project brochure. The concept design and refined costing will be packaged up with all the tech memos into one final report. This work is expected to take approximately six weeks. The CSRD will work with the Town of Golden staff to discuss development cost charges and parking requirements to further refine costs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held once the final concept design and refined costing document is completed by HCMA, likely mid to late February 2021. An exact date will be determined and presented to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM MST