



# Committee Report

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Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee

**Meeting Date:** February 25, 2021  
**Meeting Time:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers (Virtual)

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## Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee Recommendations

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**NOTE:** The following are recommendations from the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee to be considered for adoption by Council

- [Receive Minutes \(February 25, 2021\)](#)

**Recommended** (Move, second)

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 25, 2021 as attached, for information purposes.



# Minutes

## Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee

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**Meeting Time:** 3:00pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers (Virtual)  
**Prepared by:** Tanya Patterson, Administrative Assistant Community Services

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### A. Call to Order

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Councillor Peter Bordignon called the special meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with Committee members Bill Abbotts, Scott Bamford, Cathy Innes, Michael Thompson, Marc Anthony Venere, and Barb Weeden present.

Town staff present were Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons and Clerk Corrina Giles.

- **Traditional Territory Acknowledgement**
- **Committee Member Attendance**
- **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Barb Weeden

Seconded by: Bill Abbotts

THAT the Agenda of February 25, 2021 be approved as amended, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item D.3 Town Purchase of Property, including moving Item D.3 to be considered immediately following adoption of the minutes.

Abbotts, Bill	Yay
Bamford, Scott	Yay
Innes, Cathy	Yay
Thompson, Michael	Yay
Venere, Marc Anthony	Yay
Weeden, Barb	Yay
Bordignon, Peter	Yay

The motion is Carried.

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof**

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2019-56, Leisure Activity Plan Steering Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

▪ **Previous Minutes (February 18, 2021)**

Moved by: Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Cathy Innes

THAT the Minutes of February 18, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Abbotts, Bill	Yay
Bamford, Scott	Yay
Innes, Cathy	Yay
Thompson, Michael	Yay
Venere, Marc Anthony	Yay
Weeden, Barb	Yay
Bordignon, Peter	Yay

The motion is Carried.

**B. Staff Reports and Deputations**

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**B.1 Deputations, if any**

None

**B.2 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)**

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2019-56 fifteen minutes is allotted at the Meeting to receive public comments regarding Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee matters included on the Agenda. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters, or matters that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting.

**NOTE:** Committee meetings are taking place virtually to assist with social distancing with respect to COVID-19. Comments received from the public that have not been included on the Agenda will be read at the meeting by the Assistant.

None

**B.3 Staff Reports, if any**

None

**C. Matters for Discussion**

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**C.1 Classification of Waterfront Properties**

Discussion regarding classification details for specific waterfront properties continued from the previous meeting.

Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons will summarize the committee members' discussion for each waterfront property and circulate a revised document to the committee members.

Discussion included resident only parking for the various paid parking locations. Mr. Gibbons suggested the committee members consider the options for resident only parking and how it may be incorporated in the waterfront property classifications. The Craighleith Heritage Depot parking lot was brought forward as a possible location for resident only parking.

The effectiveness of the four-hour limit paid parking limit for non-residents was also discussed. As the paid parking program was a pilot program that started on August 1, 2020, all the available tools and processes were not in place at the time. The tools and processes will be implemented for summer 2021 and used for enforcement of the paid parking time limits. The paid parking program is provided by Honk Mobile. Mr. Gibbons summarized the program's software and its uses/benefits.

The current parking fine structure was also discussed. The Town's by-law enforcement staff are currently reviewing the fine structure. Additionally, the Town is going through a process to address parking issues throughout the Town, including an impound lot. It was suggested that joint venture scenarios for parking be considered.

The availability of waste and recycling at the waterfront properties was brought forward. Mr. Gibbons indicated he is working with the Operations Department and the Communications Department to consider options for marketing of "pack it in, pack it out" at some properties and waste receptacles at other properties through signage and communication.

Classification of waterfront properties discussions will continue at the next meeting.

Committee member Michael Thompson left the meeting at 3:32 p.m. and rejoined at 4:00 p.m.

Committee member Barb Weeden left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

## **C.2 Roundtable Discussion**

Regarding the removal of the launch ramp at the Thornbury Pier, committee member Bill Abbots inquired if there would be a launching area made available for small watercrafts. Mr. Gibbons explained although the concrete ramp and rebar will be removed, the launch area will continue to be available. It was suggested the consideration and safety of swimmers outside of the launch area be communicated to the users of the launch, i.e. a sign and buoys.

Committee member Scott Bamford inquired about a list of signs that may be installed at the waterfront properties. Mr. Gibbons indicated he would like to provide a draft sign for classifications that incorporates as much information as possible on one sign.

## **D. New and Unfinished Business**

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### **D.1 Additions to the Agenda**

Item D.3 Town Purchase of Property was added to the agenda.

## **D.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

- **Classification of Waterfront Properties**
- **Draft Recommendations Follow-Up**

## **D.3 Town Purchase of Property**

This item was brought forward by committee member Michael Thompson. As indicated in a press release dated February 23, 2021, council approved the purchase of 125 Peel Street, Thornbury, a 32-acre property on the western edge of town for \$3,450,000.

Councillor Bordignon explained the purchase of the property was made with the Town's strategic planning forward-thinking in place. There has been some discussion indicating this property would be a suitable location for a multi-use facility based on the zoning and proximity to Tomahawk Golf Course. If the Town moves forward with the Leisure Activities Plan recommendations and a multi-use facility is considered appropriate through a multi-use facility feasibility study, this property may be considered for such. The acquisition of this property is to be used for the residents and will be included in the Town's inventory for future uses, possibly recreational uses.

## **E. Notice of Meeting Dates**

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March 4, 2021  
Town Hall, Council Chambers (Virtual)

## **F. Adjournment**

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Moved by: Scott Bamford

Seconded by: Cathy Innes

THAT the Leisure Activities Plan Steering Committee does now adjourn at 4:34 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Abbotts, Bill	Yay
Bamford, Scott	Yay
Innes, Cathy	Yay
Thompson, Michael	Yay
Venere, Marc Anthony	Yay
Weeden, Barb	Absent
Bordignon, Peter	Yay

The motion is Carried.