

**South Okanagan Aquatic Center Advisory Committee  
May 5, 2021 - 10:30 am  
Zoom Meeting**

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***We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Syilx Okanagan Nation and their people, in whose territory we stand and are gathered upon today.***

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**Attendance:** Petra Veintimilla, Gerald Davis, Sarah Dynneson, Cathy Cowan, Calvin Meiklejohn, Mayor Sue McKortoff, Jim King, Carol Sheridan, Sammy Louie, Mike Campol, Sonia Jensen, Dave Mattes, Mayor Martin Johansen, Myers Bennett, Jon Hack, Chantal Steele, Barry Romanko

1. Call to order: 10:35am
2. Appointment of Chair
  - a. Nominate Barry Romanko – declined
  - b. Nominate Petra Veintimilla - Accepted
    - i. Nominated by Mike Campol and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin Johanson Carried
3. Additions/Changes to agenda
  - a. None
4. Welcome/Introductions
  - a. Petra Veintimilla – Town Councillor Town of Oliver
  - b. Gerald Davis – Town of Osyoos Director of Community Services
  - c. Sarah Dynneson – Program Supervisor – minute taker
  - d. Cathy Cowan – Town of Oliver CAO
  - e. Calvin Meiklejohn – Mad Studio
  - f. Sue McKortoff – Mayor Town of Osyoos
  - g. Jim King – Councillor Town of Osyoos
  - h. Carol Sheridan – Manager of Parks and Recreation Oliver
  - i. Sammy Louie – Council Member OIB
  - j. Mike Campol – Chief Operating Officer for Development OIB
  - k. Sonia Jensen – Council Member OIB
  - l. Dave Mattes – Town Councillor Town of Oliver
  - m. Martin Johansen – Mayor Town of Oliver
  - n. Meyers Bennett – Councillor Town of Osyoos
  - o. Jon Hack – Sierra Planning
  - p. Chantal Steele – Community representative Town of Oliver
  - q. Barry Romanko – Community representative Town of Osyoos
5. Terms of Reference-Review
  - a. Make sure everyone has a copy of the terms of reference and understands them. Open the floor for questions or clarification.

6. Review project schedule-Sierra Planning and Management
  - a. Run through key points of project/proposal
  - b. Consulting team – Jon Hack, Lindsay Cudmore, Cal Meiklejohn, Jamie Lopes
  - c. Project timeline:
    - i. May: Review existing services, May-August: Needs/benefit assessment and community engagement, July-September: Identify and prioritize options, September-October: Final options, October: Reporting and presentation
  - d. Would like to see community engagement and feedback early in process
  - e. Need to understand and have a range of location options into Phase 2.
  - f. Questions
    - i. Sue - Meet once a month? Yes – Gerald clarified flexibility to meet as needed.
    - ii. Petra – Site/location, Public engagement – sooner rather than later but something to keep in mind is that it will fall in the middle of summer season – often difficult during these months. Collaborative effort – in terms of funding what that will look like by the end of project – include RDOS in funding even though they are not part of this study.
    - iii. Gerald – Public engagement – going to try to be as transparent as possible. This meeting is recorded.
    - iv. Mike Campol – important that any information bringing to community that OIB is in a position to be in sync with newsletters and information for OIB.
    - v. Suggested that each website (Osoyoos, Oliver, OIB) has page dedicated to the project and have links to information and recorded meetings.
    - vi. Barry – is the title “Aquatic Centre” too narrow? Can we change it to open up people’s minds? Jon – Focus is aquatics but when presenting to public can open up to other possibilities.
    - vii. Jim – location will dictate what can be included.
  - g. Viewed example projects
  
7. Next steps-Sierra Planning
  - a. Information gathering – site information
  - b. Sites – Is there site or is it still open for consultants to offer advice.
    - i. Yes - there is a site that was discussed in the past but would also like to see what else is available.
    - ii. Would like consultants to look at all possible sites before zeroing in on specific site.
    - iii. Barry - suggestion each community look and put forward a site outside of the central place that was previously discussed in order to help consultants with possible locations.
    - iv. Jim – identifying a piece of property in each community wouldn’t work but consultant could look at sites between all groups.
  
8. Round Table
  - a. Barry – Terms of Reference – options for governance. How will it be presented to public? Speaking to a service area – any thought to reaching across border and consider usage coming from Oroville/Omak. RDOS not involved in feasibility study – they were at table before. How do we engage residents of RDOS Area’s A and C even though RDOS not funding this study? Funding in relation to climate change.  
Jon – we can include USA by drive time. Ideally go to RDOS with surveys to send out to their residents since they potentially will be using facility regardless.
  - b. Meyers – operation of pool – looking at other operating methods: example contracting YMCA.

- c. Barry – RDOS – is there going to be options presented relative to user fees. Two tier system option (tax base users vs non tax base users). Jon – need to understand how cost sharing works across region. Try to lay out all the different cost sharing measures but hesitant to put in prescription as to what will happen in report.
- d. Carol - The RDOS is currently undertaking a Master Parks and Facilities plan and is beginning their community engagement so there may be an opportunity for sharing of the results from public input.
- e. Petra – unfortunate that RDOS is not in project right now but when it comes to community engagement, we need to have RDOS residents – large portion of residents.
- f. Meyers – members of committee live in RDOS so while not here as an official capacity they are at table as community members.
- g. Carol – community engagement – focus on engaging as many people as possible. Shouldn't exclude people based on where they live. Operating models – big issue. Should be brought in a little earlier because it does affect feasibility.

9. Next meeting

- a. Wednesday June 2, 2021 10:00am
- b. Moving forward 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month unless otherwise arranged.

10. Adjournment – 12:25pm