

CITY COUNCIL #18-86

May 22, 1986.
7 p.m.

A special meeting of City Council was held this evening when the following were present - His Worship Mayor B. Lynch, Aldermen R. Aubry, D. Carr, C. Charlebois, B. Gallant, F. Guindon, R. Lalonde, T. Lalonde and C. Poirier. Absent were Aldermen Grant, Green, LeBlanc and Leger.

Aquatic/Fitness Centre Feasibility Study

Mr. R. Lockhart, Vice-President and Project Manager of Rethink Incorporated, reviewed the feasibility study. He indicated that three alternative facility concepts had been considered. Option B is the concept being recommended. It consists of a combination 25 metre-6 lane rectangular type pool with a leisure pool. The health spa component provides separate facilities for men and women. The field house is double gym size at 7000 square feet with an elevated indoor running track. This option also contains 2 racquetball courts, 2-4 multipurpose activity/meeting rooms and a babysitting/child care area. The preliminary rough capital costs are \$4,605,000.

Site location was narrowed down to two areas, namely, the area directly adjacent to the Civic Complex on the west side and the area to the northeast of the Civic Complex parking lots and west of the mounded area.

The objectives set for this type of facility were high visibility, passive recreator, accessibility for disabled persons, versatility, appeal to adults and families and integration with other facilities. Mr. Lockhart explained each objective and the role each could have in the successful operation of such a facility.

In reviewing the estimated cost for this centre, the consultant indicated that in addition to the \$4,605,000 construction cost, professional fees, contingencies, administration costs and financial costs would need to be included which would represent a total cost of \$5.2 million. The operating costs were established at \$79,169 during the first year of operation to approximately \$37,130 in the fifth year. These costs are considerably lower than the existing \$160,000 operating costs at the Kinsmen Centre. It was the recommendation of the consultant that the Kinsmen Centre be phased out when the new facility moves into full operation.

Mr. Lockhart completed his presentation by indicating that funding for this project could come from the following sources - federal government, provincial government, City of Cornwall, business or commercial or corporate donations, public donations and service clubs.

Mayor Lynch invited each alderman to question or comment on the study as presented.

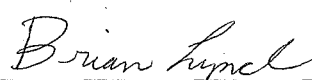
After each alderman had been provided an opportunity to question the consultant, it was moved by Aldermen Guindon and Carr that the consultant's recommendations be approved in principle on the condition that sufficient funding is available from the senior levels of government and that Administration be authorized to immediately submit an application for funds to the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation under its capital grants for new recreation facilities.

Carried
unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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City Clerk


Mayor