

**Minutes of an Amherstburg Municipal Council Meeting
held Monday January 28th, 2008 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Council Chambers**

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Robert Bailey
Councillor Rick Fryer
Councillor Robert (Bob) Pillon
Councillor John Sutton
Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Pizzuto, Chief Administrative Officer
George Balango, Manager of Development Services
Paul Beneteau, Treasurer
Stephen Brown, CBO
Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator
David Carpenter, IT Manager
Ron Dzombak, Manager of Recreational Services
Ivan Fregonese, Supervisor Budget Services
Pam Malott, Mgr. of Corporate & Leg. Services/Clerk
Lou Zarlenga, Public Works Manager

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Councillor Paul Renaud (Medical)
Carol Bendo, HR Specialist/ Deputy-Clerk

PRAYER

Reverend Breithaupt Kirby said prayer.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared.

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- (i) Various Meeting Minutes November 26th to January 14th
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-001
Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by R. White

That the minutes of the Amherstburg Municipal Council Meetings held on the

following dates be adopted as circulated:

Monday November 26th Council Meeting Regular Session
Wednesday December 5th In-Camera Strategic Planning
Monday December 10th Council Meeting Regular Session
Monday December 10th In-Camera Council Session
Tuesday December 18th In-Camera Strategic Planning
Tuesday December 18th In-Camera Session
Thursday December 20th Council Meeting Special Session
Friday January 11th Council Meeting Budget Session
Friday January 11th In-Camera Session
Monday January 14th Council Meeting Budget Session
Monday January 14th Council Meeting Regular Session
Monday January 14th In-Camera Session

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

- (i) Presentation #1

Don Joudrey and Phil Bartnik of Stantec Consulting Ltd. made a presentation to Council regarding the Second Concession Road Drain.

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the presentation and report by Don Joudrey and Phil Bartnik of Stantec Consulting Ltd. be received as presented.
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-002

Motion Carried

- (ii) Report # 3 Brought Forward

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-003

A report by Lou Zarlenga regarding the Second Concession Road Drain.

The attached drainage report has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Drainage Act.

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report by Lou Zarlenga, dated January 23rd, 2008 regarding the Second

Concession Road Drain be received;

That Council adopt the drainage report prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. providing for a drain enclosure of the 2nd Concession Road Drain fronting the school site and perimeter drainage works surrounding the school site;

And further that the construction work be allowed to be undertaken by the school board subject to providing a waiver of appeal rights.

Motion Carried

(iii) Presentation # 2

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-004

Frank Pizzuto, CAO of the Town of Amherstburg, made a presentation to Council regarding the Town Plan.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey

Seconded by R. White

That the presentation by Frank Pizzuto be received.

Motion Carried

Report # 4 Brought Forward

(i) Report #4

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-005

A report by Frank Pizzuto regarding the Town of Amherstburg 2007 In-Review and 2008 Initiatives.

The Town of Amherstburg has in place a Strategic Plan which includes a mission, vision, objectives and initiatives to be considered and completed. In 2007 a majority of the initiatives were completed. The attached report highlights these accomplishments.

Also presented was a revised 2008 Strategic Plan which including the initiatives that are being considered for completion by Council.

Moved by J. Sutton

Seconded by R. White

That the report by Frank Pizzuto, dated January 7, 2008 regarding the Town of Amherstburg 2007 In-Review and 2008 Initiatives be received;

That the Town of Amherstburg Council consider and accept the 2007 year initiatives as outlined in the Strategic Plan;

And Further That the Town consider, discuss and approve the 2008 Strategic Plan initiatives.

Motion Carried

DELEGATIONS

- (i) Delegation #1 - David N. Scott

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-006

Mr. David N. Scott addressed Council regarding the history of and expectations for the John. H. Murray Smith Centennial Park Track. Mr. Scott supplied a written copy of his delegation which is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

Moved by J. Sutton

Seconded by R. White

That the delegation by Mr. David N. Scott be received as presented.

Motion Carried

- (ii) Delegation # 2 - Jill Stoyanovich

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-006

Ms. Jill Stoyanovich addressed Council regarding the community benefits of the John. H. Murray Smith Centennial Park Track. Ms. Stoyanovich supplied a written copy of her delegation which is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey

Seconded by R. Pillon

That the delegation by Ms. Jill Stoyanovich be received as presented.

Motion Carried

- (iii) Delegation #3 - Jim MacDougall

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-008

Mr. Jim MacDougall addressed Council regarding the state of Centennial Park. Mr. MacDougall supplied a written copy of his delegation which is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

Moved by J. Sutton

Seconded by R. Fryer

That the delegation by Mr. Jim MacDougall be received as presented.

Motion Carried

- (iv) Report #2 Brought Forward

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-009

A report by Ron Dzombak regarding the H. Murray Smith Centennial Park Track.

In letters dated December 20, 2006 and February 22, 2007 Aleo Associates Consulting Engineers makes specific recommendations to the potential repair/upgrade of this facility's track surface.

After significant review and consultation and because of limited use of the track as a premier track and field facility it is recommended that the track be rehabilitated as a walking practice track.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by R. White

That the report by Ron Dzombak, dated January 18, 2008, regarding the H. Murray Smith Centennial Park Track be received;

And Further That the H. Murray Smith Track facility in Centennial Park is designated a walking-track for general community use; and that it is maintained in accordance with general use guidelines suitable for the stated purpose.

Councillor Fryer asked if it would be prudent to ask the School Board for a response in writing as to whether they would support the track beyond use as a walking track.

Council discussed a major factor being unavailability of funds to commit.

Councillor White asked if other funding might be available from Government bodies or grant monies.

Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

(i) Consent Correspondence Items #1-4

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-010

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey

Seconded by R. White

That the following correspondence be received:

1) Notice of Public Meeting on Business Planning to be held on January 31, 2008 from the Amherstburg Police Service dated January 11, 2008.

2) Resignation from the Parks Committee dated January 10, 2008 from Keith Beaudoin.

3) Reports on activities of the Windsor Essex Humane Society in the Municipality of Amherstburg for 2007 dated January 15, 2008 from the Windsor Essex County Humane Society.

4) First Annual Valentine's Day Ball dated January 14, 2008 from the Amherstburg Food and Fellowship Mission.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- (i) Report #1
Report Deferred to March 10th, 2008

- (ii) Report # 2
Report # 2 brought forward previously in agenda.

- (iii) Report # 3
Report # 3 brought forward previously in agenda.

- (iv) Report # 4
Report # 4 brought forward previously in agenda.

- (v) Report #5
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-011

A report by Frank Pizzuto regarding the Infrastructure Grant Application for the Amherstburg Recreation Complex.

The Province of Ontario has recently announced a grant initiative, the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative, for municipal infrastructure.

The Town of Amherstburg intends to submit a grant applications for the new Amherstburg Recreational Complex as its preferred project to the Province of Ontario by the grant deadline of February 15, 2008.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by R. White

That the report by Frank Pizzuto regarding the Infrastructure Grant Application for the Amherstburg Recreation Complex.

That the Town of Amherstburg endorse the Amherstburg Recreation Complex as its highest priority for a grant under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII);

That the Town submit an application for this (MIII) initiative to the Ontario Government;

And Further That
By-Law 2008-09

being a By-Law to Authorize The Submission Of An Application To The Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (“OIPC”) For Funding From The Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative For A New Amherstburg Recreational Complex (Capital Project) Of The Corporation Of The Municipality Of Amherstburg, And To Approve The Expenditure Of Funds On Said Eligible Capital Project

Be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

A Recorded Vote Was Requested

Deputy-Mayor Robert Bailey	AYE
Councillor Fryer	NAY
Councillor Pillon	NAY
Councillor Sutton	AYE
Councillor White	AYE
Mayor Hurst	AYE

Motion Carried

(vi) Report #6

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-012

A report by Frank Pizzuto, Paul Beneteau and Ivano Fregonese regarding the 4th Quarter Financials.

Moved by R. White
Seconded by R. Pillon

That the report by Frank Pizzuto, Paul Beneteau and Ivano Fregonese, dated January 23, 2008 regarding the 4th Quarter Financials be received.

Motion Carried

(vii) Report #7

Report # 7 Deferred

(viii) Report #8

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-013

A report by Ron Dzombak regarding Recreation Committee Vacancies.

The Recreation Committee is a dynamic committee with many individuals mostly represented by stakeholders from Amherstburg's Minor Sports groups. With the seasonal demands of volunteer organizations filling these two vacant seats on the committee is a necessity.

Moved by R. White

Seconded by J. Sutton

That the report by Ron Dzombak, dated January 22, 2008 regarding recreation committee vacancies be received;

And Further That council approve Chuck Bondy and Wendy Trymbulak as Recreation Advisory Committee members.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Correspondence Item #1

Carnation Campaign-Lindsay Thrasher

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-014

Moved by R. Fryer

Seconded by J. Sutton

That the correspondence dated January 14, 2008 from Lindsay Thrasher regarding the Carnation Campaign Drive on Saturday, May 10th, 2008 be received and further that the Mayor encourage all Town Council, Administration and Citizens of Amherstburg to support this cause.

Motion Carried

(ii) Correspondence #2

Petition to Create a Hotel Room Tax - City of Ottawa

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-015

Moved by R. Pillon

Seconded by J. Sutton

That the correspondence dated January 4, 2008 from the City of Ottawa regarding a resolution to petition the provincial government for the authority to create a hotel room tax be received and filed.

Motion Carried

- (iii) Correspondence #3
Support Resolution No.3-24 - Township of Brock in the Regional Municipality of Durham
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-016

Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the correspondence dated December 17, 2007 from the Township of Brock in the Regional Municipality of Durham regarding supporting their resolution No.3-24 be received and filed.

Motion Carried

- (iv) Correspondence #4
Support Resolution - Municipality of North Grenville
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-017
Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the correspondence dated December 18, 2007 from the Municipality of North Grenville requesting endorsement of their resolution for the Government of the Province of Ontario to commit 1/8 of current 8% Provincial Sales Tax to Municipalities to fund Municipal Infrastructure Programs be received and filed.

Motion Carried

- (v) Correspondence #5
Support Resolution - The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-018
Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by R. White

That the correspondence from the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound regarding endorsing their resolution supporting the One Cent NOW! Campaign be received.

Motion Carried

- (vi) Correspondence #6
Support Resolution - Municipality of South Bruce
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-019
Moved by R. Pillon
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the correspondence dated January 8, 2008 from the Municipality of South Bruce regarding supporting their resolution requesting the Provincial Government

to implement a "Responsible Use Plan" for urban pesticide use and not impose a ban on cosmetic pesticide use be received.
Motion Carried

BUSINESS LICENCES

- (i) McDonald's Restaurant - Business Licence
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-020
Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by J. Sutton

That the Business Licence Application from McDonald's Restaurant of Canada to operate a Fast Food Restaurant under the name of McDonald's at 400 Sandwich St. be received and approved subject to compliance with all agencies and regulations.
Motion Carried

- (ii) Cab Licences; Jon Maure, Nelson Jenking
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-021
Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by R. Fryer

That the Cab Licence Applications from Jon Maure and Nelson Jenking to operate as a cab driver with South Shore Taxi be received and approved subject to compliance with all agencies and regulations.
Motion Carried

- (iii) Loretta Rose Tea Chest - Business Licence
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-022
Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey
Seconded by R. White

That the Business Licence Application by Al Baldwin to operate a home decor/gifts/tea store in the name of Loretta Rose Tea Chest at 219 Dalhousie St. be received and approved subject to compliance with all agencies and regulations.
Motion Carried

OTHER MINUTES

- (i) Amherstburg Heritage Committee - November 15, 2007
Resolution No. 2008.01.28-023
Moved by J. Sutton
Seconded by P. Renuad

That the minutes of the Amherstburg Heritage Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2007 at 1 P.M. be received as presented.
Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(i) Unfinished Items as of January 28, 2008.

Item #	Item Description:	Due Date	Type of Reply
1	Edgewater Lagoons	February 2008	Council Report
2	CDL Recyclers Request to Loop 8th Concession Watermain - Lou to report in early 2008 - Lou has sent request to Stantec	ASAP 2008	Council Report
3	Parks Committee Vacancies - report to be completed for early 2008	February 2008	Council Report
4	Councillor Fryer requested that the procedural policy (procurement) go back to Council.	February 2008	Council Report
5	Possibility of combining the collection of hazardous goods with the Municipal Day event in 2008.	March 2008	Council Report

NEW BUSINESS

(i) Item # 1

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-024

Moved by R. Fryer

Seconded by R. Pillon

That Council direct the Manager of Recreation Services to explore and report back to Council on possible sources of funding for the Centennial Track.

Motion Carried

(ii) Item #2

Councillor Pillon asked about the changes to the Land Ambulance System. Mayor Hurst advised information will come back to Council as the matter is being dealt with by the County.

(iii) Item #3

Councillor Fryer asked that a report come to Council concerning the status of the iCompass software.

(iv) Item #4

Councillor Fryer asked that information concerning the County road works in the Town of Amherstburg approved by the County of Essex be brought to Council before budget deliberations are complete.

BY-LAWS

(i) By-Laws

Resolution No. 2008.01.28-025

By-Law 2008-05

being a By-Law to provide for retail business establishments to be open on holidays in the town of Amherstburg (See Report #1)

By-Law 2008-09

being a By-Law to Authorize The Submission Of An Application To The Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation ("OIPC") For Funding From The Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative For A New Amherstburg Recreational Complex (Capital Project) Of The Corporation Of The Municipality Of Amherstburg, And To Approve The Expenditure Of Funds On Said Eligible Capital Project (See Report #5)

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by R. Pillon

That
By-Law 2008-08

being a By-Law to confirm all resolutions of the Municipal Council; be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Motion Carried

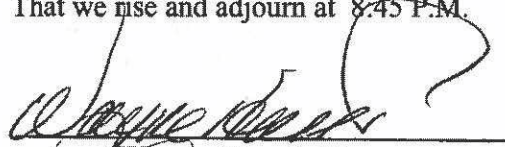
NOTICE OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion introduced at this time.

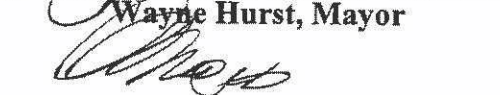
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by R. Fryer
Seconded by J. Sutton

That we rise and adjourn at 8:45 P.M.



Wayne Hurst, Mayor



Pamela Malott, Clerk



TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: Jill Stoyanovich

The date you wish to appear: Jan 28 2008

The subject you wish to discuss with Council:
Restoration of H.M. Smith Centennial Park
Track & Field Complex - Community
benefits

Details on the Subject (please explain below or attach a report):

— (SEE ATTACHED) —

*****Please ensure that both the front and back of this request form are completed*****

A Win – Win Situation for All

Over 25 Years ago, a significant capital investment was made in our Town with the construction of the Centennial Park Track and Field Complex. Public and private funds were invested, and the Town assumed a stewardship responsibility over this facility's maintenance and upkeep. Given the current state of the track, many Amherstburg residents feel the Town has been negligent and has not fulfilled this responsibility. The Town had a duty of care, that many feel was ignored. Our proposal will see that the track is restored and brought back to life. The benefits of this restoration are numerous:

The Town will have a beautiful new centerpiece, providing a great venue for festive events (volleyball tournaments, concerts, festivals, etc.).

It will serve as an attraction when trying to “sell” Amherstburg to potential residents.

The Town will have a first class facility that it can use to attract larger athletic events to our area (e.g. – adult soccer leagues, Rugby, Regional track meets). Such events not only will bring large numbers of athletes/parents/spectators to our town but will also generate revenues that will assist in maintaining the facility.

A newly renovated complex will generate increased use, and give the Town the opportunity to “sell” advertising space. This revenue could be used for future repairs and maintenance.

Providing such a venue may encourage the set up of a local Track Club in our own Community. Such would provide opportunities for locals of all ages to showcase their abilities and give youth something positive and structured to do with their free time. Investing in our youth is investing in our future. Lets give our kids a reason to stay in Town.

The community at large will also benefit, as a safe place for people of all ages to exercise would be guaranteed. So many of our residents currently use the track in its current state. Imagine how many more will use it with the planned improvements.

An enhanced track will provide a valuable tool not just for the development of Track and Field athletes but also for any local citizens who require cardiac rehabilitation. There is a definite opportunity for our community to set up a local cardiac rehab program as the City of Windsor currently cannot handle the need for such service and local residents are tired of making the commute to the City.

Anything the Town can do to support athleticism in Amherstburg will help develop an image of progressiveness in the Community, as well as show a genuine interest in the Town members. With the problems of obesity and inactivity that plague our current society, taking such steps will reveal our Council's interest in solving a real health problem.

All of the improvements recommended in this proposal would meet very favorably with the dreams and intentions of the late Mr. H. Murray Smith, who generously donated Centennial Park to our Town with the goal of it supporting a first class recreation facility.

To Amherstburg Town Council:

“The H.M. Smith Centennial Track & Field restoration committee” submits this letter and proposal, for the restoration and improvement to the H.M.S. Centennial Track & Field Stadium. This committee consists of Debbie D’Aloisio – citizen/parent, Paula Kellam-citizen/parent, Jill Stoyanovich – citizen/parent, Jim MacDougal - Department Head of Physical Education at General Amherst High School, and Dave Scott - retired Department Head of Physical Education at General Amherst High School. The Centennial Track Stadium was built in 1980 on the land freely given by H.M. Smith as a centre of Recreation and Sport for the town of Amherstburg. The Stadium was completed at a cost of \$344,000.

The Funding of Centennial Park Track and Field Stadium

Total costs: complete including track equipment and fencing \$344 000

I Provincial – Community Services Contribution Program \$50 000

II Federal - CRCA grant of \$42 250

III Federal and Provincial – Neighbourhood improvement \$150 000

IV Wintario Grant \$42 250

V Essex County Board of Education \$10 000

VI Donations from General Amherst and other community donations \$50 000

Due to the fact that General Amherst raised such a great amount of funds for this project it was decided that Amherst be given first priority for its use with no fees attached. In 1986 it was necessary that the track be resurfaced and relined. Once again General Amherst led the way by raising \$60 000 for this project.

From the beginning, the Town of Amherstburg was responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the facility. (See AGREEMENT between The Corporation of Amherstburg and The Greater Essex County District School Board). There are many reasons why Amherstburg Town Council should agree that it is their responsibility for resurfacing and re-lining the track now. This committee believes the restoration will benefit many groups as well as the Town of Amherstburg.

A G R E E M E N T

BETWEEN:

The Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg
hereinafter referred to as the "Town"

- and -

The Greater Essex County District School Board
hereinafter referred to as the "Board".

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the Town and the Board enter into an Agreement for the use of Town Parks (H. Murray Smith Centennial Park - "Track & Field Complex & Tennis Courts", and the Jones and Wigle Parks located immediately next to the High School) by the Board. The said Parks as described above are to be used for athletic purposes associated with High School activities;

BE IT THEREFORE AGREED that the Board shall pay to the Town the following annual fee:-

1. H. Murray Smith Centennial Park
(Track & Field Complex & Tennis Courts) \$ 5,388.00

- and -

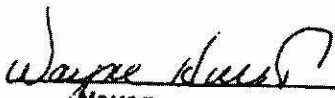
2. Jones and Wigle Parks
(Parks located next to and in the area
of the High School) \$ 4,717.00


IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD THAT the total Annual Fee of \$10,105.00 is the Board's share of maintaining the Park grounds for High School related athletic purposes.

This Agreement shall come into force on the first day of September, 1997 and shall continue in force thereafter unless canceled or amended by either party within thirty days written notice prior to the anniversary date hereinbefore mentioned.


TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

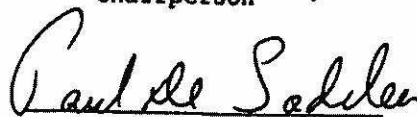
GREATER ESSEX COUNTY
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Mayor


Clerk



Chairperson


Director of Education



TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: Jim MacDougall General Amherst.

The date you wish to appear: Mon Jan 28th

The subject you wish to discuss with Council:
State of Centennial Park,

Details on the Subject (please explain below or attach a report):

— (SEE ATTACHED) —

*****Please ensure that both the front and back of this request form are completed*****

General Amherst High School is land locked and does not have an athletic field of its own. Council must agree that all the students of General Amherst are citizens of this community and deserve this track and field stadium.

It is hoped that Council members will move and second the Proposal outlined below:

Be it moved that the Town of Amherstburg

- A) Approve the resurfacing and relining of the track at Centennial Park as recommended by ALEO Associates Inc. Consulting Engineers report dated February 22 2006. (Attached: page 5, paragraph 7 conclusion)

- B) Invest in new bleachers suitable to allow for proper viewing by all spectators of a variety of sporting events at the Centennial Track and Field Complex (volleyball, football, soccer, track) In order to make room for the new bleachers, the Town will have the current bleachers moved to the Larry Bauer Park.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Aleo Associates Inc. is recommending the Ameritan MSI by Defargo or the BBS 200 track surface by Beynon Sports surfaces. These two almost equal polyurethane track surface systems provide the best value and long term solution for the needs of the proposed track resurfacing project. We estimate that total life cycle for the Ameritan MSI or BBS 200 track systems will be approximately 20 years providing that the project is carried out as per our recommendations and assuming normal usage and maintenance.

The key variable in the life of a track surface is maintaining the quality of the asphalt base and its bond with the track surface. The impermeable surface of the above mentioned products allows all types of precipitation to runoff the track surface. When water becomes trapped within the track surface of a permeable system, damage is caused to the asphalt base and its bond with the track surface during freeze and thaw cycles over time. A track surface product that is truly impermeable is the best choice for a long lasting track system in this particular project because of the climate in our geographic location.

In addition to the track surface, we also recommend that the existing asphalt base be milled and a new lift of asphalt be laid. We feel that a new lift of asphalt is absolutely necessary to ensure that the proposed track surface will bond properly and utilize the long life potential of the track surface product we are recommending. Milling of the existing asphalt surface will remove the existing damaged and deteriorate asphalt and ensure that the entire base pavement structure will be able to last the estimated life cycle of the track system. Milling the existing asphalt pavement will also remove any of the existing track surface material that would otherwise have to be removed by other means.

All of the above mentioned work should be designed and carried out under the supervision of by a qualified consulting engineer. Proper construction of the asphalt base and adequate drainage must be provided to ensure the true life cycle potential of the track surface product is utilized.

7. CONCLUSION

Based on our recommendations, the proposed budget for the resurfacing of the existing running track at H. Murray Smith Centennial Park is \$330,000 plus GST, which includes the Ameritan MSI track surface from Defargo. The BBS 200 surface from Beynon Sports Surfaces would carry an additional \$20,000. When determining the most economical choice, costs over the entire life cycle should be considered. The fact that Defargo is a Canadian Based Company and Beynon Sports Surfaces is based in the United States should also be considered.

B. CLOSURE

We are pleased to submit this budget report for your review. We hope that you find the contents of this report is very informative and that we have simplified this project for you.

We hope that Aleo Associates Inc. will be able to provide you with additional services related to this project or any other consulting work that you may have in the future. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very Truly,

Vincent. Aleo, Ph.D., P.Eng.

ALEO ASSOCIATES INC.

SUPPLIERS BY:
DELEGATION #3
JIM MACDOUGALL

Jan. 27/08

To Whom It May Concern,

As President of the Elementary Athletic Association for the Greater Essex County District School Board, I am writing to strongly disagree with the concept of the Ralph McCurdy Track becoming exclusively a walking track. I strongly endorse that the Town of Amherstburg, spend the funds required to restore the track and field area to its wonderful and useful original condition.

In the past years, elementary schools from both the public and separate boards have used this track for their school track and field meets. My school, Anderdon Public School, bussed our grades 3-8 students to the McCurdy Track for several years in a row to hold our school meet. It was great to hold our meet there but you could see the track and field areas were seriously in need of repairs.

In previous years, both elementary, public and separate boards held their area track and field meets at the McCurdy Track. This attracted many schools from around Essex County to visit Amherstburg, bringing many athletes and their parents to our great community!

Unfortunately, because of the decaying condition of our track, these meets have been moved down the road to the modern track facility at Sandwich Secondary or the central location at Essex High School, taking much needed revenue.

As co-convenor of the District track and field meets for the elementary public schools, we have held our meets at Sandwich Secondary over the past years. Over 2 days, there are 64 schools that participate in these meets. I know Amherstburg could hold such meets, if our Town would repair this centerpiece. Think of the influx of revenue these meets and other meets would bring to this Town. We could also be considered among the "Jewels of the County" for track and field meets, like the Sandwich Track is.

Please, don't let this track slip away! Too many people worked tirelessly to establish this great facility and it would be a travesty to see their hard work go to waste. We are a growing community that is in dire need of a proper track and field area in which to grow! I strongly urge The Town Council to spend the money and repair our Track and Field so we can utilize it to the best of our community's ability!

Sincerely,

Mary Ewer
President Greater Essex County
Elementary Athletic Association



SUPPLIED BY DELEGATION # 3

JIM MACDOUGALL

École Saint-Jean-Baptiste

219, rue Brock, Amherstburg, Ontario N9V 2H3

Tél. (519) 736-6427 - Téléc. (519) 736-8246

Mario Poitras, directeur

Friday, 25th of January, 2008

To whom it may concern,

I am the physical education and health teacher at école St-Jean-Baptiste. It has been brought to my attention that there are proposals to change the regulations regarding the Centennial Park Track and Field complex. I would like to inform you of my concerns and usage over the past nine years.

As the physical education teacher, I have used the complex for a number of training and teaching purposes. It is where I teach my students the proper long jump and triple jump techniques, proper shot-put techniques as well as relay events. My students have greatly benefited from the use of the track to measure their progress with their cardio-endurance training. I am one of few teachers in my board who have access to such a site. I usually group two classes together and walk over to the track for a training session. Furthermore, as a school we use the track every September for our Terry Fox Run event. The students are able to run the track and measure their distance over the time period. I've also used the beach volleyball court, the baseball diamond, the basketball court, and the park playground and grass areas.

For the past nine years, I have trained and practised my track and field team at the complex. At school, I don't have access to proper long jump pits, a straight 100 m sprint distance, or a 400 m oval for long distance and relay events. I use the facility in the spring regularly over a month's time. I am able to give each student a proper try-out and opportunity to train when selected for the team. My team has consistently performed at a high level due to the fact that we use the track and field complex. Our relay teams are always the most prepared at meets because the students have trained using the lanes and exchange boxes.

In the past, the CSDECSO school board has hosted track and field events at Centennial Park. The complex is ideal for its grand stands, the fenced-in field, and the field house. A track meet would bring approximately 500 students and parents to the area. We stopped using the complex due to track conditions. If the track was resurfaced, relined and the sand pits were reworked, as Convenor for the board's Sports Committee, I would ask to hold the meets once again in Amherstburg.

If the track was converted to a "walking" track, the school, students and staff would not have access to a proper running facility. I would not be able to train proper sprinting and relay events. I do recognize the value of a "walking track", however our running and training have not disturbed those who walk in the past. From experience, the walkers enjoy seeing the students training and being active.

One concern I do have for immediate use is the track surface itself. Every year, I have had three or four student injure themselves. Most injuries come from the missing patches of rubber surface where the students loose traction and fall. The area most affected is at the starting blocks of the 100 m. Other injuries have come from the sand pits. We attempt to work the sand to a soft landing, but we haven't always been able to get the entire area properly groomed. Both pits require sand and tilling, and the runways require resurfacing.

In conclusion, the Centennial Track and Field Complex is a very valuable teaching and training facility. École St-Jean-Baptiste has greatly benefited from it's use in the past. We are about to move into a new school in September 2008 and I plan to continue to use the complex to teach and train my students. The complex has a great ability to promote a wide variety of physical activities that can keep our students active for the rest of their lives. Walkers, runners, and jumpers have shared this facility in the past with great success, it would be disappointing if the next generation doesn't get the same opportunity.

Yours in keeping the PHYSICAL in EDUCATION,



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