



FOUNDATION DOCUMENT PART II: FUNDING THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT CENTRAL PARK AND HERITAGE PARK

Chapter 6: Public Opposition to New Recreation Facility Direction Emerges; The Group “Friends of Central Park” Forms

**Commissioner: The Honourable Frank N. Marrocco, Associate Chief
Justice, Superior Court of Justice, Ontario**

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6.1 The Group “Friends of Central Park, Collingwood” is Formed

307. On August 8, 2012, Paul Cadieux sent an email to an undisclosed list of recipients, including Marta Proctor, with the subject line “FRIENDS OF CENTRAL PARK COLLINGWOOD – DO IT ONCE AND DO IT RIGHT!”

Email from Friends of Collingwood Central Park Project to Marta Proctor, August 10, 2012, [TOC0198145](#) and [TOC0198146](#)

308. Paul Cadieux’s email stated that it had been sent to those who provided input on the Collingwood Central Park Project and to those identified as key stakeholders in the community. It explained that the Friends of Central Park, Collingwood (“FOCP”) was a group of residents who wanted Council to build a community recreation centre in one location and to wait until funding was in place to do so. Mr. Cadieux’s email included the following text:

WHAT DO RESIDENTS WANT COUNCIL TO CONSIDER WHEN BUILDING A COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE?

1. **Do it once and do it right!** – If Council chooses to spend millions of dollars on temporary solutions, they most likely will not deliver on the vision of a community centre in one location.
2. **It’s our tax dollars; consult us** - Get back to the public on this issue and do not make a decision in isolation. All options must be weighed by the public before a decision should be made.
3. **We deserve the best, so figure it out** - Collingwood’s recreational infrastructure is inadequate - current and future generations deserve a full recreation community centre on one site. Council represents the public and must consider their needs.
4. **There is no real urgency, stay the course** – Many communities in Ontario have similar recreation centres and have thought bigger by embracing a community vision. We are asking Council to think big and make certain that we are ready to build once an infrastructure program is announced. There is no rush, stay the course.

WHEN WILL COUNCIL DISCUSS THIS ISSUE?

A summary report comparing 2 options (one centre in Central Park and the temporary option of covering the outdoor pool, repairing the Eddie Bush Arena and building an arena at Central Park) will be discussed on August 27th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall. Be there and let Council know that we want them to represent our long term recreational needs.

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309. Paul Cadieux's email also provided links to a FOCP website and Facebook group, and encouraged recipients to send a form letter to Council, the text of which was provided in the email, supporting the Steering Committee's recommendations.

Email from Friends of Collingwood Central Park Project to Marta Proctor, August 10, 2012, [TOC0198145](#) and [TOC0198146](#)

6.2 Town Staff Draft a Response to the FOCP Email

310. At 3:20 pm on August 14, 2012, Marta Proctor sent Ed Houghton and the EMC a draft letter as per Mr. Houghton's request to her, which "could be used by Council to respond to the Friends of Central Park letters coming in. Please let me know if you would like me to forward to anyone else, or if you would suggest changes." The draft letter highlighted Council's commitment to addressing the community's recreation needs, referenced the need to balance those needs against the Town's "financial realities", and advised that Staff would be presenting options to address the identified priorities of ice and water at the August 27, 2012 Council Meeting.

Email and attachment from Marta Proctor to Ed Houghton, Larry Irwin, Marjory Leonard, Sara Almas August 14, 2012, [TOC0199529](#) and [TOC0199530](#)

6.3 Brian Saunderson Endorses the FOCP; Councillor Dale West Asks Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd About the Latest from Sprung and Suggests Meeting with Ameresco

311. On August 14, 2012 at 5:04 pm, Central Park Steering Committee member and former mayor Terry Geddes forwarded Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd and Mayor Sandra Cooper an email chain which included a portion of Paul Cadieux's August 8, 2012 FOCP email and "A message from Brian Saunderson." Mr. Saunderson's message expressed concern about the new alternatives to the Central Park MURF and encouraged readers to

become engaged in the process to “let Council know where you stand.” Deputy Mayor Lloyd forwarded this email chain to Town Council, the EMC, and Marta Proctor. These emails and resulting correspondence are discussed in more detail in

[Summary Document 2-5](#). During this conversation, Councillor Dale West emailed Deputy Mayor Lloyd directly, writing:

whats the latest you have from sprung

and i still think we need to talk to ameresco

because imagine if we can get a double now and the pool covered we can be well on our way...

...we should have all of that info straightened out for the 27th and hopefully get the message across that the only thing that has changed is that we are not building it all at once...

[Summary Document 2-5](#): *Council, Staff, and Public Discussions Related to the Town’s Recreational Facilities, Chapter 1.4*

Email chain including Rick Lloyd, Sandra Cooper, Town Councillors, Marta Proctor, Ed Houghton, Sara Almas, Marjory Leonard and Larry Irwin, August 14, 2012, [TOC0199629](#)

Email chain including Dale West and Rick Lloyd, August 14, 2012, [TOC0199682](#)

6.4 The FOCP Seeks to Make a Deputation to Council About the Recreational Facilities; Claire Tucker-Reid Writes a Letter to Council

312. On August 16, 2012, Paul Cadieux asked to make a Deputation at the August 27, 2012 Council Meeting on behalf of the FOCP.

Email chain and attachment including Friends of Collingwood Central Park Project (Paul Cadieux), Sara Almas, Megan Schollenberger, Sandra Cooper, Becky Dahl, Marjory Leonard, Ed Houghton, and Marta Proctor, August 16 and 17, 2012, [TOC0201115](#) and [TOC0201116](#)

313. Ed Houghton agreed to schedule a meeting between the EMC and Paul Cadieux, and advised that the EMC was also scheduled to have a meeting with Penny Skelton. A meeting between the EMC and Paul Cadieux was scheduled for August 23, 2012.

Email chain including Friends of Collingwood Central Park Project (Paul Cadieux), Sara Almas, Megan Schollenberger, Sandra Cooper, Becky Dahl, Marjory Leonard, Ed Houghton, Marta Proctor, Shelley Fuhre, Pam Hogg, and Larry Irwin, August 17, 2012, [TOC0517085](#)

Calendar Invitation from Shelley Fuhre to Sara Almas, Larry Irwin, Ed Houghton, and Marjory Leonard, "Meeting w/ Mr. Peter Cadieux - Friends of Central Park", August 20, 2012, [CPS0003661](#)

314. Claire Tucker-Reid sent a letter about the community recreation centre to Council, Clerk Sara Almas and PRC Director Marta Proctor by email on August 20, 2012. In her email, Ms. Tucker-Reid asked that her letter be read into the public record at the August 27, 2012 council meeting, writing, "I continue to be most interested in the development of this facility and I look forward to reviewing the staff report when it is in the public realm in preparation for the meeting."

Email and attachment from Claire Tucker-Reid to Sandra Cooper, Ian Chadwick, Sandy Cunningham, Mike Edwards, Keith Hull, Joe Gardhouse, Kevin Lloyd, Rick Lloyd, Dale West, Sara Almas, and Marta Proctor, August 20, 2012, [TOC0201589](#) and [TOC0201590](#)

315. Claire Tucker-Reid's letter, which was addressed to Mayor Cooper, proposed that Council complete the development of a funding model for the MURF and consider other facility development options "if and only if a successful funding model cannot be developed". Ms. Tucker-Reid further proposed that a "complete comparative analysis be developed of priority options for consideration".

Email and attachment from Claire Tucker-Reid to Sandra Cooper, Ian Chadwick, Sandy Cunningham, Mike Edwards, Keith Hull, Joe Gardhouse, Kevin Lloyd, Rick Lloyd, Dale West, Sara Almas, and Marta Proctor, August 20, 2012, [TOC0201589](#) and [TOC0201590](#), p 4