



SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING COUNCIL #25-2004

Thursday, June 24, 2004
Meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Acting Mayor Naresh Bhargava Councillors Huguette Burroughs, Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Mark MacDonald, Leslie O'Shaughnessy (arrived at 5:45 p.m.) and Chris Savard
REGRETS:	Mayor Phil Poirier and Councillors Jacques Lemire, Perry Lalonde and Korey Kennedy
ADMINISTRATION:	Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, City Clerk Denise Labelle-Gélinas, and the following Management Personnel: Stephen Alexander, Fernand Hamelin, Paul Fitzpatrick, Christine Lefebvre and Lori Gibeault
SPECIAL GUESTS:	Architect Bob Goyeche

Acting Mayor Naresh Bhargava called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Aquatic Centre - Pool Tank Design Issues

Mr. Fernand Hamelin, Project Manager, provided Council with a brief overview on issues surrounding the Aquatic Pool Tank Design. Several issues discussed were relative to dimensions of the pool tank as follows:

1. The depth of the water at the shallow end of the pool;
2. The length of the deep end area in the pool; and
3. The distance between the water level and the top of the deck.

The three issues raised above were better detailed as follows:

1. The depth of the water at the shallow end of the pool

The depth of the shallow end should be raised from 1 metre to 1.1 metres.

The present design is for a starting depth of 1 metre (39 inches) in the shallow end to 1.35 metres (52 ½ inches) at the end of the shallow end. The Project 2000 Committee's request is to have a minimum of 1.1 metres (43 inches) at the start of the shallow end.

Presently, this depth meets the FINA standards and will be suitable for the municipal swimming programs along with usage for public swimming.

2. The length of the deep end area in the pool

The present design shows the length of the deep end area being 4.525 metres. It is suggested to increase this length by 2 metres and reducing the shallow end by the same 2 metres.

The design for the deep end area meets all Building Code requirements. There also has been a conscious effort by the Architect team to provide a large shallow end because of the trend today in pool usage where it is becoming more a leisure facility for family participation.

3. The distance between the water level and the top of the deck

It has been requested by staff to reduce the distance from 0.150 metres (6 inches) to 0.100 metres (4 inches) in order to provide easier accessibility from the water to the deck.

Modifications suggested by the Project 2000 Committee is approximately \$16,000.

DELEGATION

Mr. Rick Saaltink and Dr. Stephen Bacher provided their concerns in so far as the three issues identified by the Project Manager, Mr. Hamelin. Although they re-iterated their excitement in having this Aquatic Pool and its design built, they did voice their interest in their needs during competitive swim meets in so far as the depth of the shallow end, and length of deep end.

Through a question and answer period involving members of the Project 2000 Steering Committee, Architect Mr. Bob Goyeche, Project Manager Mr. Fern Hamelin, Administrative personnel Christine Lefebvre and Paul Fitzpatrick, clarifications were provided in so far as the issues at hand.

Mrs. Lefebvre, Supervisor of Recreation Services, highlighted her concerns as follows:

1. Keeping the water depth in the shallow end of the main tank at one metre (39 inches), will benefit the City's learn to swim program, allow more children to enjoy the water without assistance and meet the FINA standards for competitive swimming.
2. Maintaining the length of the shallow end as proposed will allow the City to increase its recreational program opportunities. Most aquatic activities are conducted in the shallow end of the water versus the deep end. The proposed deep end meets all of the building code requirements for diving.
3. Fluctuating the water levels to meet various needs and maintaining a free board distance of 6 inches or more is both operationally costly and dangerous for patrons accessing and exiting the water and the lifeguards performing rescues.

In conclusion, it was moved by Councillors Glen Grant and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that the present pool tank dimensions with respect to the depth of water at the shallow end and the length of the deep end area both be maintained as per design.

Councillor Chris Savard asked that the two issues being debated be voted on separately.

1. That the depth of the shallow end remain as per the original design with a depth of 1 metre (39 inches).

Motion Carried

2. That the length of the deep end area of the pool remain at 4.525 metres

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Adjournment

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that the meeting be adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK



NARESH BHARGAVA
ACTING MAYOR

