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## **Update: Four sites make the short list for new twinpad arena**

**Wasaga Beach** – Progress is being made to determine the site of the town's new twinpad arena and multi-use recreation facility.

Last Thursday, at a committee of the whole meeting, committee members approved short-listing the prospective number of sites to four from six. Two of the sites are in the east end of town and two are in the south-central part of town.

Staff had ranked the six remaining sites through an exercise that considered a number of factors, including the size of each site, location, planning, and costs. The criteria and weighing had been approved at a previous committee meeting.

Members of Committee considered the information presented to them and decided that four sites would move forward to the next steps in the site selection process.

Committee directed staff to formalize a timeline to have appraisals completed and agreements of purchase and sale signed for all privately owned sites. As well, committee directed staff to formalize financial modelling as well as prepare site plans for each site to assist with the final site selection.

Once this information has been gathered, the town will seek community feedback on the short listed sites. It is anticipated that this will take place before the end of June.

And committee directed staff to identify further resources needed to select a project management consulting firm to ensure seamless administration of design and building contracts for the arena, multi-use recreation facility, and the new library.

On a related note, committee members also approved the location selection criteria for the new library. There is currently a list of seven sites. Committee directed staff to proceed with scoring the sites and then bring back a report to committee for consideration.

Determining the best locations for a new arena and library is one of council's priorities for this term.

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