

**Community Enhancement Committee Minutes
Town Council Chambers
December 7, 2022 – 5 p.m.**

Present:

Councillor A. Murray
Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor M. Farrell
Adam Baden-Clay
Anuj Jain
Oona Landry

Also Present:

K. MacInnis, Director of Community Development
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
T. Cameron, Manager of Recreation
E. Stephenson, Active Living Coordinator

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roundtable introductions took place.

Approval of Agenda

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the agenda as presented.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Community Enhancement Committee Minutes of October 12, 2022, as presented.” Motion carried.

Recreation Presentation

K. MacInnis provided a brief overview of how the structure of Council, staff and the CAO works, and how Committees fit within the structure. She provided brief comment on budgets and where/how they fit.

T. Cameron provided comment noting they would be providing an overview on what they do and how there may be overlaps with this Committee.

The ‘What We Do’ information sheet was reviewed and briefly discussed, including Vision & Mission, Strategic Directions and Work Plans.

T. Cameron expanded on details on ‘What We Do’ and expanded on details on the Multi-sport program and how it was implemented and expanded for various leisure and sporting activities. Details were provided on a coalition working on capacity building.

Discussion took place on the difficulty in finding fitness instructors, and a possible new partnership, work and relationship with Beautification.

E. Stephenson provided details on her position and how it evolved, and the Municipal/Mi’Kmaq Physical Activity Leadership Program and the plan outcomes. Comment was provided on an Affordability Access Policy.

E. Stephenson spoke briefly on a communications plan being worked on and a partnership with Recreation Nova Scotia. Comment was provided on affordable program and those for people over 18.

K. Gorman noted a lot of what T. Cameron and E. Stephenson do are about capacity building.

T. Cameron spoke briefly on asset management and how their plan picked up on every asset owned by Recreation/Beautification (\$8 million), and how long the assets will last. Climate change and its impact was briefly discussed.

Brief discussion took place on community access and whether the Health Authority might play a role.

Anuj Jain questioned how the Departments success is benchmarked, and provided comment on the impact of newcomers and associate challenges. Discussion took place.

T. Cameron stated she would encourage this group to have further discussion on asset management.

T. Cameron invited the Committee to put forth any questions they may have.

K. MacInnis noted that the Recreation staff would be coming back and looking for input from this Committee.

The Chair thanked T. Cameron and E. Stephenson for their attendance.

Candy Cane Lights for 2023

The Chair spoke on lights for exterior lights in the downtown. He noted that the Town's partnership with YardPro has resulted in the candy cane lights on two bridges in Town.

For the benefit of the Committee, the Chair presented a sketch of proposed candy cane lighting moving forward and spoke to including the project in the upcoming budget, along with including funds for a 'lift' to install additional lighting.

Brief discussion took place, with K. MacInnis noting that DEANS was responsible for providing some funding for the lights.

The Chair suggested that a thank you letter be sent to DEANS for their assistance.

K. MacInnis briefly spoke on the success of the Christmas parade and the volunteers that came forward for the event. Brief discussion took place on the possibility of having a local sleigh for the parade next year.

Project Dashboard

K. MacInnis has been investigating project management software (Trello) which she has been testing with some of her own Town projects and noted if successful she hopes to share it with the Committee in the New Year.

Brief discussion took place.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Next meeting January 11, 2023.