

# Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Town Council Chambers

## **Present**

Councilor Mary Farrell, Chair

Councilor Jack MacPherson

Councilor Donnie MacInnis

K. Moores, Community Representative

T. Cameron, Director of Recreation and Special Events

E. Stephenson, Active Living Coordinator

## **Absent With Regrets**

K. MacGillivray, Community Representative

## **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

## **Approval of Agenda**

“It was moved and seconded that the Agenda for the Recreation Committee meeting of November 1st, 2017 be approved with the addition of “Volunteer of the Year” under New Business. Moved by Councilor Donnie MacInnis. Seconded by K. Moores. **Motion carried.**”

## **Approval of Minutes**

“It was moved and seconded that the Minutes for the Recreation Committee meeting of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved.” Moved by Councilor Jack MacPherson. Seconded by K. Moores. **Motion carried.**”

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- 1) Field of Dreams Update: T. Cameron noted that the “Field of Dreams” project will have to officially be known by a different name. She also noted that the project was not a successful finalist in the Aviva contest for which it was entered. T. Cameron met with R. Crouse of Challenger Baseball who will submit a grant to the Jays Care Fund which can fund up to \$150,000.  
**ACTION:** T. Cameron will move forward with applying for a Planning Assistance grant in order to have someone put together pricing for the pieces of the project that are to be included in the project..
- 2) Spike Fund Update: E. Stephenson noted that she spoke with the Antigonish County Recreation Department staff and that they are considering a similar project. The Town, County and several stakeholders will be meeting about the topic in November.  
**ACTION:** E. Stephenson to come back with an update from the stakeholder meeting.
- 3) Water Park Project Update: T. Cameron noted that the pieces for the water park were all completed including Eastern Mainland Fencings final piece.

- 4) Trail Naming Update: E. Stephenson noted that a contest is open until November 6<sup>th</sup> accepting names for the pathway between Maple Drive and St. Bean Lane.  
**ACTION:** E. Stephenson to come to the next Recreation Committee meeting with the list of trail name choices for the committee to review. One will be selected to recommend to Council at the December meeting.
- 5) Outdoor Rink Update: E. Stephenson noted that the SRSB has indicated the Town will have permission to use their fire hydrant provided it does not present issues with water pressure for the school.  
**ACTION:** E. Stephenson to find out whether the use of the hydrant will cause water pressure issues.

## **New Business**

- 1) Capital Projects: T. Cameron noted that she and E. Stephenson will be attending an Asset Management session during the UNSM. Councilor J. MacPherson noted he would like to see a skateboard park. Councilor M. Farrell noted she would like to see more park benches, outdoor gym equipment, and a skateboard park.  
**ACTION:** All committee members are to come to the December meeting with capital project ideas for the next budget year.

- 2) Council Update Highlights: Recreation Director (T. Cameron)

Town Grants: T. Cameron noted that she has made updates to the Town of Antigonish grant form. She has also proposed a timeline for the grant process which will be sent to all of council. Councilor D. MacInnis requested a list of last year's awards be included with their package.

**ACTION:** T. Cameron to circulate proposed grant timeline and ensure that a list of amounts awarded in the previous fiscal year are included with the grant packages.

Planning Assistance Grant: T. Cameron noted she will be submitting a grant to get financial assistance for hiring an individual to help price out the pieces of the "Field of Dreams" project.

Canada Day Grant: T. Cameron noted that this grant is due November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Keep Well Antigonish Grant: T. Cameron noted that she worked with a group who submitted a Community Health Board grant to assist with wellness classes for seniors.

Age-Friendly Grant: T. Cameron noted she is working on a grant in partnership with the Antigonish Community Transit which will assist with the installation of 4 new benches, 4 new garbage containers and two 2-seated checker table sets.

Seniors Fitness at Club 60: T. Cameron noted that in order to deal with the issue of some individuals not paying for fitness class, someone will be hired for the winter to ensure that those who attend the class have paid.

Special Events: The Christmas Parade is on November 25<sup>th</sup> with a weather date of November 26<sup>th</sup>. The parade route starts at Fairview Street and ends up at Market Square. Start time is 6PM. E. Stephenson noted that human power is still needed to help run the games for the games during the tree lighting portion of the evening. She noted that human power will also be needed for other upcoming events including the Solstice Walk and Outdoor Rink.

Council Update Highlights: Active Living Coordinator (E. Stephenson)

Lessons on the Bus: This program is up and running and is open to individuals living in Eastern Mainland Housing units. The purpose is to get them using the transit to access opportunities in their community.

Chisholm/MacLellan Pathway: Tenders have been submitted and the hope is to award the bid by the end of the week.

Facility Access Program: The program will kick off with a skating celebration on December 10<sup>th</sup> and will continue until March break with free skates and swims as well as open gym time.

After School Programs: Current programming includes Yoga and Open Gym Friday at St. Andrew Junior School.

Active Transportation Update: E. Stephenson presented a proposal for Active Transportation projects for the next 10 years. The projects from this proposal were taken from the Active Transportation Plan created in 2014.

**ACTION:** E. Stephenson to send out the presentation digitally as well as notes which include project titles and estimated costs.

**ACTION:** All committee members to review the proposed projects and send comments/questions to E. Stephenson via e-mail by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 3) National Special Olympics 2018 Update: Councilor M. Farrell noted that she will be in charge of the Opening and Closing ceremonies for the National Special Olympics, summer 2018. She said lots of help will be needed for various pieces of the ceremonies and encouraged committee members to take on roles and help find others to play roles.
- 4) 55+ Provincial Games Bid: to be deferred to next meeting.
- 5) Volunteer of the Year Nominations: T. Cameron noted that the Town is in need of nominees for Volunteer of the Year.  
**ACTION:** Committee members to come to the December meeting with ideas for nominations of Town citizens who would make good nominees for the Volunteer of the Year.

**Motion to Adjourn**

“It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Next meeting: December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM, Council Chambers.