

**Recreation Committee Minutes
June 10, 2009
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor D. Roberts, Chair
Councillor W. Cormier
Ms. D. Anderson

Ms. T. Cameron, Recreation Director
Ms. D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
Mr. M. MacDonald, Observer

Absent with Regrets

Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis, Chair
Mr. K. Kingston
Ms. L. Boucher

Call to Order

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor D. Roberts assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier
Seconded by Ms. D. Anderson

“That the Agenda be approved with additions.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier
Seconded by Ms. D. Anderson

“That the Minutes of the meeting held on June 9, 2009, be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Olympic Torch Community Update

Ms. T. Cameron advised that things are shaping up for the Torch Relay. She noted that a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 is available and will be applied for; this will supplement the existing \$4,000.00 budget. She reported that, if necessary, an Event Planner will be hired from October up to the Event. Ms. I. MacLeod has agreed to Chair the event and that she and Sgt. T. Perry had driven this areas' route to determine where signs should be erected. The Committee was advised that the Antigonish Regional Development Authority (ARDA) has agreed to be involved, probably with participation by Ms. S. Long, and that the nomination forms have been submitted.

- Arborist

Ms. T. Cameron advised that two proposals for gardener services were received; however, neither were in the best interests of the Town. Negotiations have taken place with Mr. C. Griffiths and he has accepted the position and has begun work. She noted that, at the present time Mr. C. Griffiths is under her direction.

- Recreation Committee Policy

Moved by Ms. D. Anderson

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“To recommend Council approve the Recreation Committee Policy as amended.” Motion carried.

T. Cameron agreed to e-mail absent Committee members to update them on the Policy.

- Wellness Program

Ms. T. Cameron advised that not enough interest was garnered from Town Staff to proceed further with the Wellness Program. She noted that there seemed to be a preconceived notion that information provided in the survey would not be confidential. Staff will be approached again and July 6, 7, 13 and 14, 2009, have been submitted as tentative dates for a medical staff visit.

- Columbus Field

The Committee was advised that work had been carried out and sod laid at Columbus Field.

Ms. T. Cameron reviewed the timelines and events leading up to the delay in having the field available for Minor Soccer. Ms. T. Cameron noted that the Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department was very helpful by watering the sod with their pumper truck. She noted she would acknowledge the efforts of the Fire Department.

- Memorandum of Understanding re St. FX and Town and County of Antigonish

Ms. T. Cameron presented a Memorandum of Understanding which has now been signed by all parties except Mayor C. Chisholm and Mr. R. Duff who are both expected to sign the document shortly. She noted that the terms and conditions, and rental forms for priority use have been incorporated into the document.

- Physical Activity Meeting, June 5, 2009

Ms. T. Cameron advised that she had attended a meeting with other interested groups such as the Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority, Kids First and the Strait Regional School Board. She noted that the Recreation Co-ordinators in Antigonish and Guysborough Counties would be meeting quarterly in an effort to provide assistance to one another in this regard. She further noted that the importance of Active Transportation to all stakeholders was identified.

- Summer Camp Staff

Ms. T. Cameron noted that Ms. D. Anderson is assisting her in reviewing resumes for summer staff.

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Ms. D. Anderson

“To recommend CAO D. Kampen approve the hiring of Mr. J. Gillis and Ms. K. Chisholm as Summer Recreation Program staff and to hire Ms. A. Cameron to assist with any overflow of applicants.” Motion carried.

- Whidden Street Playground

Ms. T. Cameron advised that she has made arrangements for the fence at the Playground to be repaired and that some money will be put toward playground equipment. She noted that

loitering is an issue in this area and signs noting a closing time of 9:00 PM for the playground will be posted to allow RCMP to address the issue of loitering.

- **Active Transportation Workshop**

The Committee was advised that a two-day Active Transportation Workshop scheduled for July 15 and 16, 2009. The first day will be open to the community (registration required) while the second day will be by invitation only.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business

- **Canada Day**

A tentative Canada Day schedule was distributed and discussed. A well-renowned hypnotist will perform at Columbus Field, the band "Jug in Hand" will play and an outdoor movie will be featured. Other activities will include a pancake breakfast, cake cutting, and recognition ceremony. The Mayor and County Warden Mr. H. Delorey will give speeches. The recognition ceremony will include the Volunteer of the Year, plus two yet to be determined people; Council will be canvassed for nominees for the two others to be recognized.

- **Arbor Drive Playground**

The Chair advised that she had brought forth a complaint she had received regarding garbage at the Playground. Ms. T. Cameron noted that this matter had been taken care of and that much of the garbage was associated with a nearby apartment building. It was noted that this area has not had much attention recently and that perhaps next year it can be looked at for improvements.

- **St. FX Turf Field Grand Opening**

Ms. T. Cameron advised the Committee that September 11, 2009, has tentatively been set for a Community Grand Opening of the Turf Field. It is being suggested that perhaps Minor Football will be played 'under the lights', to be followed the next evening by a University Grand Opening, with the first St. F.X. football game of the season being played.

- **Event Tent**

The Committee was advised that due to extensive use, the event tent is no longer useable. Ms. T. Cameron noted that the tent which was used when it was purchased, was cost-shared with the Antigonish Regional Development Authority (ARDA); she will contact the ARDA and investigate if another event tent might be able to be co-purchased.

- **Sports Field Update**

Ms. T. Cameron advised that the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency application has been filed; however, the Provincial application is on hold pending the upcoming election. A barbeque is planned for June 11, 2009, at 5:00 PM at which time additional information regarding the sports field will be released.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Ms. D. Anderson

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.

