

**Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2012
Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor D. MacInnis, Chair
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Councillor S. Cameron
D. Anderson
L. Boucher

T. Cameron, Recreation Director
Mayor C. Chisholm
S. Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Seconded by D. Anders
"That the Agenda be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by L. Boucher
Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron
"That the Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on December 7, 2011, be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Guysborough/Antigonish Active Living Network (GAALN) Update
T. Cameron advised that Ms. J. Smith has most records entered for the web portal and confirmation of correct information posted on the portal is ongoing.

- Christmas Events

An Executive Summary of this year's Christmas events was distributed and discussed. T. Cameron would like additional feedback from the general public as most comments in the Summary are from a business perspective. She suggested this would likely be done through a survey. Brief discussion took place on involvement by the Antigonish Regional Development Authority, its Strategic Plan, and the Town taking back the celebrations.

Moved by S. Cameron

Seconded by D. Anderson

"That the Town correspond through their two (2) elected officials to support Christmas Celebrations becoming part of the Antigonish Regional Development Authority's Strategic Plan." Motion carried.

- Active Transportation Plan

T. Cameron advised of an upcoming meeting of the Highland Region Recreation Committee at which Active Transportation would be discussed.

- Trail Study Update

T. Cameron noted she had met with Mr. G. MacLaughlin and reviewed the expected outcomes of the Study. Two (2) days of community consultation will be held, one (1) of them specifically for seniors. Past information gathered will be reviewed and relevant information pulled together.

In response to a comment from Mayor Chisholm, T. Cameron noted that she did not apply for a study or a grant, but rather, it was applied for through the former Chief Administrative Officer. She noted the main point is to get information from the seniors on what they want.

New Business

- Whidden Street Playground

T. Cameron advised that the playground equipment removed from Whidden Street could not be reinstated as it no longer meets standards. She suggested the fence in this area be repaired. She further noted that she has \$5,000.00 to put toward replacement playground equipment.

- Canada Day

T. Cameron advised that a grant has been applied for in the amount of \$9,400.00 for Canada Day activities, but that she would not likely receive a response until April, 2012. Brief discussion took place on the possibility of an Invitational Soccer Tournament being hosted here at the same time.

- Budget

The 2011-12 Recreation Department Budget was distributed and reviewed.

Other Business

- Artificial Turf Equipment

T. Cameron noted she is waiting to hear from Carpell, the developers of the artificial turf, for information on appropriate equipment to use on the artificial turf, which possibly could be a lawn tractor. Brief discussion took place.

- Field Update

L. Boucher updated the Committee on the Turf Field Project noting that Phase I came in \$80,000.00 over budget. Work is ongoing for Phase II with the tender expected to be put out in March, 2012. Paving is now being considered for the track rather than crusher dust for upkeep and maintenance purposes. Cost is currently anticipated at \$300,000.00, but could come down somewhat. However, if the required funds cannot be realized then the track will be covered with crusher dust.

Adjournment

Moved by Mayor C. Chisholm

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.