

**Recreation Committee Minutes
September 7, 2011
Council Chambers**

Present

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

Mayor C. Chisholm
T. Wadden, CA, Interim CAO
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
T. Cameron, Recreation Director

Absent with Regrets

Councillor S. Cameron

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 Mayor C. Chisholm
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by L. Boucher
Seconded by D. Anderson
"That the Minutes of the, Recreation Committee meeting held on June 1, 2011, be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Swim Program

T. Cameron updated the Committee on the status of the Swim Program noting that although a swim program is not being offered by the Town at present, Town residents may register through the County's Swim Program. Brief discussion took place on the cost impact to the County.

- Sports Field Update

T. Cameron reviewed an update provided by Mr. D. Berry on the status of the Sports Field. It is now anticipated that the artificial turf will be ready for use by September 30, 2011. Brief discussion took place on signage, provisions for stands, and locks.

- Canada Day

T. Cameron advised she had received positive feedback on Canada Day activities. Pending receipt of funds from the County, the celebrations should be within budget. She noted that more people showed up for the pancake breakfast than anticipated resulting in some people being turned away.

- Guysborough Antigonish Active Living Network (GAALN)

T. Cameron advised of the potential for the Guysborough Antigonish Active Living Network (GAALN) to apply for a Job Creation Partnership (JCP) application. She noted two (2) applications were received for the position that would develop an information database, and that the position will be based out of the Town Hall in Antigonish.

- Senior's Games Update

The Committee was advised that despite the cool weather, 275 Town and County Seniors participated in the Seniors Games, which was completed within budget. The next Seniors Games are scheduled for June 16, 2012.

- Antigonight

T. Cameron reported that Antigonight is scheduled to be held September 23 and 24, 2011, with events being held between the Library and Chisholm Park. Deputy Mayor D. Roberts provided an update on her efforts to again have a tree at Chisholm Park lit. T. Cameron noted that the Town's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) speaks to staff being involved in cultural activities.

- Summer Camp Update

T. Cameron reported that she has not yet received final budget numbers from the Summer Camp. She noted that all children who registered (Town and/or County) were accommodated and that additional costs for staff to cover the extra children were recovered through registration fees (one (1) staff person for one (1) week) .

Correspondence

There was no Correspondence to discuss.

New Business

- Trail Development

T. Cameron advised that \$5,000.00 had been received for trail development through an 'Age Friendly' grant. She circulated a similar project description put forth by Pictou County which she will use as a guide.

T. Cameron provided a brief update on a Trail proposed to be developed between the Library and Chisholm Park, and agreed to contact Mr. J. Teasdale, of the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL) to make a presentation to Council on the proposal. It was estimated that the Town would be requested to make an approximate \$1,200.00 in-kind donation toward the Trail. Possible sources of funding for this project may come from recreation capital budget.

- Member Resignation/New Member Required

T. Cameron noted that as a result of his new employment, J. Pellerin has resigned from the Recreation Committee and a new Member will be required. T. Cameron noted she would like to have a replacement by November 1, 2011.

- Fall Programming

T. Cameron advised that Fall Programs are slated to begin next week and include Senior's Fitness, a Fitness Program at St. F.X. University, Kids Craft Program and Touch Football.

- Mowing of Grass/Sidewalk Medians

T. Cameron confirmed that staff would continue to mow grass/sidewalk medians up to the end of October. Brief discussion took place on maintenance staff's work schedule while the turf field is under construction.

Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

Seconded by D. Anderson

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.