

**Recreation Committee Minutes
November 3, 2010
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor D. MacInnis, Chair
Councillor D. Roberts
D. Anderson

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

Absent

Councillor S. Cameron
L. Boucher

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts
Seconded by D. Anderson
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Anderson
Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts
"That the Minutes of the October 6, 2010, meeting be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Sports Field Update (L. Boucher)

In the absence of L. Boucher, Mayor C. Chisholm updated the Committee on the status of the Sports Field project noting that an announcement was expected to be made on Friday, November 5, 2010, at the Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional High School, he noted he was unable to expand on the details of the announcement. In response to a query from T. Cameron, Mayor C. Chisholm stated that should the project proceed, the plan would not be revised and would consist of Phases I and II only.

- Recreation Strategic Plan

The most recent Recreation Strategic Plan (2006) was circulated with T. Cameron briefly reviewing the Vision, Mission, and Result Areas; The Chair suggesting that the matter be tabled until such time as the Town's Strategy is in place. T. Cameron noted that Active Living and Active Transportation are part of the Town's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. Brief discussion took place on the Recreation Mission Statement, with T. Cameron questioning whether the existing Result Areas are still what is wanted. She requested a Committee member work with her and G. MacIsaac of the Nova Scotia Office of Health Promotion and Protection to review the existing document. D. Anderson agreed to assist T. Cameron.

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts
Seconded by Mayor C. Chisholm

“To have T. Cameron and D. Anderson meet with Mr. G. MacIsaac for the purpose of reviewing the existing Recreation Strategic Plan.” Motion carried.

- Joint Swim Program

T. Cameron distributed past statistics on the Town’s Learn-to-Swim Program; with brief discussion took place on the increasing costs. In response to Mayor C. Chisholm, T. Cameron advised that she, and County Recreation Co-ordinator, Ms. M. Melanson, will meet to discuss the possibility of a joint swim program. T. Cameron noted that she needs some direction on this matter, and suggested that if a joint swim program were to move forward, a Memorandum of Understanding be put together and reviewed yearly.

In response to a query from D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, T. Cameron advised that funds received from the Dr. J.J. Carroll Awards would still go toward instructor training.

T. Cameron responded to a comment from Mayor C. Chisholm noting that the swim program has always run a deficit. Brief discussion took place on the future of the swim program T. Cameron noting that the Town is the only municipality that she is aware of that offers free classes to seniors. She further noted that continued dialogue is required on various programs offered by the Town.

It was generally agreed to keep this matter on the Agenda. Mayor C. Chisholm requested T. Cameron provide him with a breakdown of her budget.

- Whidden Street Playground

T. Cameron noted that the playground equipment from the Whidden Street Playground had been removed as required for work to be carried out in that area. She further noted that two (2) pieces of the playground equipment cannot be re-installed due to their age, and noted that \$10,000.00 in Capital funds are usually included in her budget of which approximately \$5,000.00 would be earmarked for playground equipment.

- Grant Application re Kayaks

T. Cameron advised the Committee that she is working toward the implementation of a kayak program that would be offered at no cost and expanded on the details. She noted that the program will cost \$15,000.00 and that she would be applying for a grant of \$5,000.00 through the Nova Scotia Office of Health Promotion and Protection to train St. FX students as instructors. She is working on the program with Mr. A. Foran of St. FX University. Mr. A. Foran has already donated \$2,400.00 in cash toward the program with \$4,000.00 in in-kind donations still to come. She also expects to utilize \$5,000.00 from her Recreation Capital Budget next year toward the project.

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts
Seconded by D. Anderson

“To recommend that Council commit \$5,000.00 of the 2011-12 Capital Recreation Budget toward the Kayak Program.” Motion carried.

T. Cameron noted that in total there would be seven (7) kayaks – one (1) for the trainer and six (6) for the public and noted the next step would be to have a dock put in place at the Landing.

- **New Recreation Committee Member**

CAO D. Kampen advised that only one (1) application was received for a new Recreation Committee Member.

Moved by Mayor C. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“To recommend to Council to appoint Mr. J. Pellerine to the Recreation Committee for a two (2) year term to expire in November, 2012.” Motion carried.

- **Christmas Update**

T. Cameron noted that the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, November 27, 2010, and noted that some businesses are displeased as they would have liked it to be held on a Friday evening in conjunction with ‘Moonlight Madness’.

CAO D. Kampen noted that banners will be placed on the lamp posts featuring two (2) arms, with wreaths to adorn the remaining lamp posts. Businesses are being offered a smaller version of the wreaths (at cost) to replace where the hanging baskets were this Summer. Also, Mr. A. Murray had agreed to wrap the lamp posts with ribbon.

CAO D. Kampen and Mayor C. Chisholm agreed to arrange a meeting with downtown merchants in early January to begin dialogue on future Christmas activities for 2011.

CAO D. Kampen left the meeting at 4:25 PM.

Brief discussion took place on having the Antigonish Regional Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce involved in Christmas activities.

Councillor D. Roberts stated she did not feel Columbus Field was an appropriate location for the lighting of the Christmas tree. T. Cameron advised that room is required for the approximately 2,000 people who attend the Tree lighting.

Correspondence

- Ms. T. Kellman re Antigonight: Art in the Park

Correspondence was received from Ms. T. Kellman thanking T. Cameron for all of her assistance with the recent Antigonight: Art in the Park.

New Business

- **Inclusion Workshop**

T. Cameron advised that she would have additional information at the next meeting on a planned Inclusion Workshop which would train leaders in order for autistic, physically/mentally challenged people, etc. to be included in regular programs.

- **Recreation Nova Scotia Conference**

T. Cameron advised she will be attending the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference scheduled for November 17-20, 2010. She noted she expects this to be a great conference with lots of information regarding Active Transportation.

- Volunteer of the Year

T. Cameron advised the Committee that nominations for Volunteer of the Year close on January 14, 2011. She further noted that information on nominating a Volunteer can be found on the Town's website, in the upcoming Talk of the Town, and that it will be advertised in The Casket. Further, an e-mail will be sent to all Town employees. T. Cameron noted that a Volunteer Worksheet would be used to score those nominated, and that the Awards would be held on April 4, 2011.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by D. Anderson

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.