

**Recreation Committee Meeting Notes
November 9, 2011
Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor D. MacInnis, Chair
D. Anderson

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

Absent

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
L. Boucher

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

Business from Minutes

- Sportsfield Update

T. Cameron advised that proposed rates to be charged on Town-owned venues are comparable to other municipal units, and reviewed the tournament fees. She further noted that she would like to break down costs associated with staff time such as line painting. T. Cameron advised that the turf field signage has now gone up and includes the Town's logo, and that the gates at the field are now locked. She noted that the field rules are now posted. Brief discussion took place on signage at the field.

- Guysborough Antigonish Active Living Network (GAALN)

T. Cameron noted that Ms. J. Smith has been hired for GAALN through a Job Creation Project grant and is currently working out of an office on the third floor of Town Hall. Currently she is gathering all information related to Facilities, Parks Trails & Water Access, and Community Organizations and groups within the Guysborough, Antigonish and Pictou areas, noting that Pictou has now joined the group. T. Cameron briefly provided an overview on how one might access information on a specific course, location, etc., once the computer program is up and running and noted that there would be a link from the Town's website. She further noted that additional information and updates will still be required after Ms. J. Smith's term is done.

- Seniors Update

The Committee was advised by T. Cameron that a recent fund-raising movie was well attended and that a Christmas fund-raising movie is planned.

- Christmas Events

Discussion took place on Christmas Events, the Events Co-ordinator, and advertising being carried out through the Merchant's Association with assistance from the Antigonish Regional Development Authority and the costs to carry out the Events and it was generally agreed that no more than \$6,500.00 would be available from the Town for Christmas Events. Brief discussion took place on the placement of the Christmas tree. T. Cameron agreed to obtain a letter from

the Royal Canadian Legion giving permission for placement of the tree. Brief discussion took place on the tree lighting and shopping.

- **Bench Installation**

T. Cameron advised that patio blocks are not heavy enough to use as a base for the benches and that public works had installed a bench on West and James Streets in conjunction with pouring sidewalks.

Correspondence

- **Recreation Nova Scotia re Volunteer of the Year**

T. Cameron advised that nominations for Volunteer of the Year will be accepted in the categories of Youth, Family, Corporate, and Small Business through Recreation Nova Scotia. She noted that the Town seeks their own volunteer nominees, and, as such, nominees will be accepted until January 27, 2012, with a submission deadline of February 28, 2012. T. Cameron noted that the Awards Ceremony and Banquet is scheduled for April 2, 2012.

New Business

- **Active Transportation Network**

T. Cameron provided details on the Antigonish Sustainable Development Society and their desire for an 'active' Active Transportation Committee. She noted that Mr. G. MacIsaac of Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection is involved in forming the Committee and T. Cameron intends to speak with him further on the 'Committee'. T. Cameron noted that Antigonish Sustainable Development are seeking to have a trail from the Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional High School to the Landing.

- **Nova Scotia Arts & Culture Awards**

T. Cameron provided an overview of the Nova Scotia Arts & Culture Awards ceremony noting that Christmas Island, Cheticamp, and Antigonish were finalists, but that the Town did not win.

- **Request for Proposals re Trail**

T. Cameron advised that Cobequid Trail Consultants were the lone submission for the Request for Proposals and that their past work includes community consultation and land ownership. She noted that locally, HJS Consultants would be involved with the project. T. Cameron advised that Council has yet to review the proposal.

- **Quotes for Steps at Turf Field**

T. Cameron advised that one quote had been received for steps at the Turf Field, from Tate Construction, in the amount of \$5395.00 + HST, and that two (2) additional quotes are expected. It was noted this money is not available from the current budget.

Mayor C. Chisholm noted that Public Works had placed gravel in the area last week for a social function.

At 11:55 AM the meeting was adjourned.