

**Recreation Committee Minutes
December 1, 2010
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor D. MacInnis, Chair
D. Anderson
L. Boucher
J. Pellerine

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

Absent

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Councillor S. Cameron and/or Councillor W. Cormier
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order and Welcome New Recreation Committee Member

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM. New Recreation Committee Member, Mr. John Pellerine, was welcomed and introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor C. Chisholm
Seconded by D. Anderson
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Anderson
Seconded by Mayor C. Chisholm
"That the Minutes of the November 3, 2010, meeting be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Ms. L. Boucher joined the meeting at 3:35 PM.

Business from Minutes

- Recreation Strategic Plan

T. Cameron, Recreation Director, noted that the Town's Strategic Plan should be presented to Council in January 2011. It was agreed to wait until the Town's Plan was approved before proceeding with the Recreation Strategic Plan. It was also noted that the Recreation Plan probably would be more in the form of a Business Plan rather than a Strategic Plan.

- Swim Program

T. Cameron, Recreation Director, advised that she has been attempting to meet with Ms. M. Melanson of the County of Antigonish regarding the possibility of a combined (joint) swim program to be offered for both Town and County residents. They will be meeting in January 2011. Therefore, the Town and the County will each be running separate programs to the end of fiscal year 2010-11.

Ms. T. Cameron noted there are at least two (2) options: to not run a swim program at all or to combine the program with the County but still have the Town's name attached to the program. Mayor C. Chisholm advised that he is not in favour of running (funding) a program that consistently runs a deficit. Ms. L. Boucher noted that running a swim program may not have a monetary benefit but does benefit the community – as do a number of recreation programs.

Ms. T. Cameron noted that if the Town and County were to offer a joint swim program, a Memorandum of Understanding needs to be put in place.

- Whidden Street Playground

T. Cameron, Recreation Director, advised the playground equipment was taken out for work to be undertaken in the Whidden Street/Centennial area. Now that the work has been completed, the majority of the equipment has been re-instated; pieces that were obsolete were not put back in place.

- Grant Application re Kayaks

Ms. T. Cameron advised that the grant application for the kayaks has been submitted.

- Sports Field Update (L. Boucher)

Ms. L. Boucher advised that the funding has been received from the Province and the Committee is attempting to meet with Minister Peter MacKay to discuss the Federal Government's contribution.

- Volunteer of the Year

Ms. T. Cameron advised that she will be placing an ad in the Casket for nominations for the Volunteer of the Year. All nominations need to be received on or before January 20, 2011; Council will recognize the individual at the annual Canada Day activities.

- Recreation Nova Scotia Conference

T. Cameron advised that she attended the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference which was held in Halifax in mid-November. She provided the Committee with an overview of the Conference sessions.

- Inclusion Workshop

T. Cameron distributed an overview of the Inclusion Workshop. She noted that Ms. Cathy Chisholm will be co-ordinating the offering of an Inclusion Workshop with St. FX University. The Town's Summer Recreation staff will be participating in the workshop.

New Business

- Pace Car Program

A presentation of the Pace Car Program will be made to the Town's Police & License Committee in February 2011. All Committee members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

- Active Transportation Committee

T. Cameron advised that she will be putting together an Active Transportation Committee to look at policies and public education.

Report of the Recreation Director

T. Cameron reported:

- she will be attending a Municipal Finance Workshop in Halifax this week. The Workshop is sponsored by the Municipal Finance Corporation and held at Henson College, Dalhousie University. The Workshop will cover all aspects of Municipal Finance including revenue, expenditures, and budgeting.
- she is working with seniors for the Summer 2011 Seniors Games and reviewed the success of the Games in 2010. The Seniors Group is currently putting together a group to fundraise for the event.
- Talk of the Town is being mailed this week.
- there will be a 25th Anniversary Relay for Rick Hansen on September 11, 2011. The relay will be going through Antigonish. T. Cameron will scan the information and forward to Committee members for further discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Mayor C. Chisholm

Seconded by L. Boucher

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.