

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 5th, 2017

Town Council Chambers

Present

Councilor Mary Farrell, Chair

Councilor Jack MacPherson,

Councilor Donnie MacInnis,

Mayor Laurie Boucher

K Moores-Sutherland, Community Representative

T. Cameron, Director of Recreation and Special Events

E. Stephenson, Active Living Coordinator

Absent With Regrets

K. MacGillivray, Community Representative

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

"It was moved and seconded, that the Agenda for the Recreation Committee meeting of April 5th, 2017 be approved with the amendment to have "Sidewalk to Mount Cameron" included."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"There were no previous meeting minutes."

Business Arising from the Minutes

"No business Arising"

Guidelines for the Recreation Committee

Recreation Director T Cameron circulated a draft set of guidelines she and E. Stephenson had compiled for the Recreation Committee members. Instead of the Committee reviewing the draft during the meeting, it was decided that T Cameron would send the document to the committee members for their feedback.

Action: T Cameron will circulate the document electronically.

Action: Committee members are to forward comments/additions etc. to T Cameron by Friday, April 21st.

Update from the Recreation Department:

T Cameron and E Stephenson provided an overview of the Recreation department's core services. Those core services consist of but are not limited to: Community Partnerships and Collaboration; Programs; Facilities and Maintenance; and Special Events. E. Stephenson led

the conversation on the core services and a discussion ensued centering upon the implication of those core services on our annual budget. E. Stephenson also provided the Committee with a brief description of the Active Living Coordinators position.

Projects for 2017: Budget Implications

A discussion followed regarding up-coming projects for the 2017 – 2018 budget. T. Cameron and E Stephenson gave the committee members a list of their projects that must be included in the up-coming budget. All projects fell under the following headings: Must-do; should-do; and, hope-to-do. Chair M. Farrell and T Cameron noted there should be a focus during this up-coming fiscal year on existing facilities and infrastructure. T Cameron noted that in the past, \$10,000 had always been included in the Capital Plan for Playground up-grades. These funds have not been made available to the Recreation Department for the past four years. Discussion ensued around the following projects: Gillisway Path; Chisholm Street Path; Outdoor Rink; Arbor Drive Playground.

The committee members were then asked for their input on projects the community has identified.

ACTION: Recreation staff are to provide committee members with a copy of the feasibility study for the outdoor rink done by Meg Cummings;

ACTION: Committee members are asked to forward to the Recreation staff, project requests from the community.

Canada Day/Canada 150

T Cameron noted that Canada Day and the Canada 150 events are two separate things. Canada Day is a one day affair while the Canada 150 events are to be held the entire year.

CANADA DAY: Councilor A Murray has been the Council lead on the 2017 Canada Day celebrations.

CANADA 150 PROJECTS: The “Canada 150 Babys” project has been well received; the up-grades and expansion to the water park are part of the Canada 150 Infrastructure program from ACOA: T. Cameron applied for funding to do a Mayors Challenge in the community. This will be a challenge to all to become more active.

Sidewalk to Mount Cameron

Councilor MacPherson expressed the urgent need to build a sidewalk that will link Bay Street with Mount Cameron. Many individuals use the Landing and put themselves in a dangerous position by doing a full circuit back into the Town. Now with the increase in the number of Seniors living on Mount Cameron, it is more and more evident that a sidewalk must be installed.

ACTION: Recreation staff to send an e-mail to the Department of Energy to investigate whether the project would fit within the Connect 2 Funding parameters

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 10th, 5:15pm.

Motion to Adjourn

“It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.” **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.