

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee meeting convened 6:30 pm at the CN Station on the above date. Michelle Young presiding.

PRESENT: DM Nadine LeBlanc, Councillor Melinda MacKenzie; Committee Members Jane Young and Leah Heighton

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Sereda, Potential Member
Carrie-Lynn Souva, Potential Member
Kiera Souva, Potential Member
Chelsea Moland, Potential Member – by phone
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Councillor Shawn McNamara; Committee Member Luke MacDonald

1. CALL TO ORDER

M Young called the meeting to order and welcomed new potential members.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED

PRP-01-19-21-2510

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed; no errors or omissions noted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

M Young read an email that was received regarding a page on our website developed during COVID-19 with helpful Stay at Home Stay Active activities/ideas to keep everyone busy. The email thanked the Town for the helpfulness of the page.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Veterans Drive Playground Design – Presentation

M Young reviewed the first draft design concept for Veterans Drive. A discussion was held on the design and committee members were asked to send along input to M Young by January 25. This project will be phased with the first priority being replacement of the slide at an approximate cost of \$10,000-12,000. A preliminary project budget was also shared.

b. Fitness Trails

Some signage and mapping have been installed; work will continue on cleanup and routing the area.

c. Committee Members

An orientation package will be provided for new members.

L Heighton has been assisting the Committee since February 2020; a motion will be presented to Council to formalize appointment of new members.

MOTION: For Council at their next Regular Meeting to appoint Leah Heighton as a member of the Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee.

CARRIED *PRP-01-19-21-2511*

Discussion followed on selecting a chair for the committee; M MacKenzie reported that C Moland may be interested.

d. Christmas Light Up – Recap

Great feedback was received on the new decorations on Water Street; some activities can be improved on and several new ideas were suggested for next year. M Young thanked M MacKenzie for her work in conjunction with the light up and drone video.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Winter Carnival

A discussion was held on ideas for activities this year that would be possible with restrictions related to the pandemic.

- Moonlight Hike
- Snowshoe hike on the Fitness Trail – M MacKenzie offered to guide
- Check in with the curling rink to see if they are hosting anything
- Check with Skate Park Group to see if they would like to do a take-out fundraiser (ideas include heart shaped pizza, cupcakes, etc)
- Snowman building activity outside of nursing homes (resident windows); engage youth
- Amazing Race Family event with a prize – M MacKenzie offered to organize
- Teas at Heritage Quay B & B (working on ideas)

Confirmed activities for February 12-14 are:

- Free Skate with Sledge Try It – February 12 at Hector Arena
- Snowboard Riglet Program Session on February 13
- Free swim sponsored by local business

M Young will send out an email to see who is interested in sitting on a sub-committee for the Carnival.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the CN Station

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Nicole MacDonald
Acting CAO