

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

PRESENT: DM Nadine LeBlanc, Councillors Melinda MacKenzie and Chris Sereda

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Young (by phone)
Michelle Young, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Councillor Shawn McNamara; Committee Member Luke MacDonald;
Jo-Anne McNamara

1. CALL TO ORDER

C Moland called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. A review of meeting procedures was provided.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda with two additions under New Business:
6c. Christmas Lights
6d. March Break

CARRIED

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3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting were reviewed with no errors or omissions.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Inquiries from community members on Christmas Lights and March Break.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Veterans Drive Playground Design

M Young provided an update on the design project for Veterans Drive Playground.

- Obtaining quotes on the slide feature and swings
- Discussion on parking needs and designation of accessible parking

b. Committee Members

Council approved new members at the last meeting. Carrie-Lynn and Kiera Souza have decided to not become members but are happy to help with events and projects when needed. A suggestion was made to recruit another student representative. J Young offered to contact Pictou Academy.

c. Volunteer of the Year

Eric LeBlanc has been nominated as Pictou's Volunteer of the Year. This year the Pictou Patron Award will be presented to Laurie MacDonald for his contributions to the Hector Heritage Quay, and Stephen MacKenzie and Donna Collins for their great work with newcomer settlement. Discussion followed on ideas for Volunteer Week and recognition. This included a gift for organizations in our community such as a plant and a special tea at the Heritage Quay B & B for award recipients.

d. Facility Tour

It was decided to conduct a facility tour in May and to focus on specific facilities. At the same time, members can scope out potential locations for garbage receptacles. Discussion followed on baseball fields and the benefits of turf vs grass.

6. NEW BUSINESS**a. Go Clean Get Green**

Go Clean Get Green will take place this year from April 18-24; the Town event will take place on April 24. A suggestion was made to gather swag and donated items for participants in the community cleanup as prizes. Information will be gathered from participants on "hot spots" in Town where garbage collects and potential locations for garbage receptacles. M MacKenzie will contact Tim Horton's to see about donating reusable cups; J Young will contact other businesses for donations by April 17.

b. Skate Park Update

J Young provided an update; fundraising is ongoing; a federal grant has been applied for; another grant through Credit Union Atlantic was not approved.

c. Christmas Lights

The pole mount lights will be removed the coming week; waiting on availability of a lift for removal.

d. March Break

A review of March Break activities that took place in Pictou and around the County was shared.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

An update was provided by M MacKenzie on the new Welcome Initiative Program.

Other items discussed included: bi-weekly try it sessions; Pictou soccer program start up; Easter activities and availability of space for other activities such as art classes.

Items for the next monthly meeting include:

- Pictou Soccer Update
- Electronic sign at rotary
- Brainstorming Try It Sessions

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the CN Station

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Nicole MacDonald
Acting CAO