

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: Councillors Nadine LeBlanc and Melinda MacKenzie; Members Leah Heighton, Luke MacDonald and Jane Young

ALSO PRESENT: Tom MacKenzie, Skate Park
Michelle Young, Manager of Recreation Services
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Chelssie Moland; Shawn McNamara

1. WELCOME

M Young welcomed Tom MacKenzie to the meeting and members introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

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3. NEW YEAR NEW IDEAS

After some discussion these events were planned:

Moonlight Guided Hike – November 20 – This is part of a Pictou County series of hikes working toward the “Hike Nova Scotia Pictou County Badge”. The hike is now full, M Young will be reaching out for two volunteers to help with the hike.

Toy & Clothing Swap – A swap event in December. Donations can be dropped off at the Town Office or day of; volunteers needed; proof of vaccination will be required.

When: December 4; Time: 11:00 am-1:00 pm; Where: CN Station

There will be a donation box at the door which will be split between the Skate Park and Splash Pad projects.

Winter Snowshoe Hikes – planned for January 3, February 5 and February 12 – details to come; the February 12 hike will be during Winter Carnival.

Pictou Youth Centre Revival – looking for ideas on potential space

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. ONGOING DISCUSSION

a. Splash Park

No updates. M Young will ask a representative from the group to attend the January meeting for a presentation and provide an update. Discussion followed on grant programs and the need to coordinate multiple applications coming from the same town. There is an environmental grant that they can potentially apply for if recycled water is used.

b. Skate Park Update

T MacKenzie and J Young gave an update on the Skate Park including donations and fundraising efforts. Everyone thought the thermometer sign is a great addition to help inform residents how the project is going. Current initiatives, upcoming fundraisers and grants were also discussed.

There will be a Yard Sale and BBQ on Saturday, October 30 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at 62 Patterson Street.

M Young applauded the group for raising near \$50,000 so far for this project through raffles, special events and BBQs; they were commended on involving the youth with planning and fundraising. Total raised to date including donations, corporate sponsorship, grants and businesses is \$168,000.

c. Veterans Drive Playground

Equipment for the playground will be purchased this year and installed next year.

6. NEW BUSINESS**a. Facebook Recreation Committee Page**

Two polls are posted on the Facebook group page; if you are not added please let M Young know.

b. Year in Review – accomplishments, continued work, focuses

Tabled to next meeting

c. HarVEST recap on the Harbour October 16

HarVEST was a big success, and the weather was perfect. It was felt it should be a yearly event with the possibility of hosting a similar one in the spring/summer.

d. Christmas Light-Up – Re-Imagine – December 3

The Lions Club would like to become more involved with the Food Drive.

Sub-committee members for the event: Luke MacDonald, Melinda MacKenzie, Nadine LeBlanc, Shawn McNamara

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4 at 3:30 pm.

e. Youth Centre Revival

M MacKenzie reported that there was an individual interested in reviving the Youth Centre.

It was mentioned that there are several people interested in helping. The big issue is finding a dedicated space.

f. Winter Carnival Dates – Dates in calendar and volunteer commitment

SnowMAZING Race will be back this year. Other plans will begin soon; this event will be discussed at the November meeting.

g. New Member Update

An ad will go in the paper in the New Year looking for new committee members. Leah Strickland has expressed interest.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO