

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Recreation and Parks meeting convened 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers on the above date. Chair Dave Porter presiding.

PRESENT: Shawn McNamara

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Alta Munroe, Councillor Cam Beaton, Camille Davidson, Krista Fulton, Lindy Quann and Jo Anne McNamara

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

No quorum – the minutes of the last meeting, October 28, 2014 will be reviewed at the next regular meeting in March.

3. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No quorum to pass motions.

4. CORRESPONDENCE - none

5. CONTINUING BUSINESS

a. Winter Carnival

General discussion followed on the Winter Carnival which took place February 14-16, 2015. The Carnival events were well attended this year, positive feedback received. Discussion followed on ideas for next year; events and scheduling.

b. Volunteer Week and Town Reception

A notice will be sent out to all Committee members to see who is interested in sitting on the Volunteer Committee to plan the Town Reception. We may want to explore the Norm Babinec Award this year and other types of recognition.

c. Committee Members

Currently there are seven members on the Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee including two Council Representatives and one student. The Committee may have up to 11 per the Recreation and Parks Policy. An ad was recently inserted in the Advocate to reach out to residents who might be interested in sitting on the Committee. No responses were received. Discussion followed on other means of looking for members; these included:

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- A direct mailout to organizations
- Information materials/package/display at the Town Volunteer Reception
- Develop a PR Strategy
- Develop a flyer profiling the Committee

d. Facilities: Quarry Pond / Jitney Trail

Tabled to next meeting

e. Youth Centre / Skate Park

D. Porter presented an update on the Skate Park and Youth Centre. Alternate locations are being explored for a Youth Centre. The Youth Council is interested in fundraising and have begun plans for this coming summer.

6. NEW BUSINESS

All items under New Business were tabled to next meeting.

- a) Playground Committee
- b) Advertising Signage
- c) Healthy Eating Policy
- d) Website

Other

There will be a Food Handling Course on March 11th at the New Horizons Club, 9:00-3:00pm. Certification is good for five years. Pictou Lobster Carnival is coordinating the course.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Approval of minutes not required as there was no quorum. This is a meeting summary only.