

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

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Alta Munroe; Members Shawn McNamara, Krista Fulton and Lindy Quann

**ALSO PRESENT:** Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator  
Jo-Anne McNamara, Meeting Recorder

**REGRETS:** Councillor Cam Beaton; Member Camille Davidson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES**

Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed.

**3. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

MOVED: DM Munroe  
SECONDED: S. McNamara

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.  
MOTION CARRIED

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**5. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

a. Volunteer Week

Positive feedback was received from the Town Volunteer Reception. This year there were three special invites (Bobby Collins, Blaine Ferguson and Albert Patterson) that were very honoured to attend. Elaine Babinec was pleased that the Norm Babinec Award was presented. The intention is to only present this speciality award occasionally.

b. Membership

The Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee can consist of up to 11 members, including 2 councillors. Discussion was held on ways to recruit new members. A package will be sent out to people who expressed interest in volunteering through the survey conducted last year.

c. Facilities: Quarry Pond/Jitney Trail

A proposal has been submitted to the Trans Canada Trail, whose goal is to be fully connected across Canada by 2017. A discussion was held on the connection from Caribou into Pictou going through the Braeshore area; with a water connection from the Pictou waterfront to New Glasgow.

It was agreed to meet at the Quarry Pond on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to see what work needs to be done; the Committee will further explore having the Winter Carnival sleigh rides at the Quarry.

d. Youth Centre/Skate Park

The Youth Centre is looking into renting The Palace for June, July and August. The cost of insurance is being determined. The Youth Centre may run the canteen at the CN Ballfield this summer to raise funds for expenses related to a future location.

Skate Park: M. Young will look into the possibility of going through the Town's insurance and related additional costs. More discussion at next month's meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Playground Committee

The Committee will conduct a walk about of the three parks on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. At the next PRP meeting M. Young will bring concepts on natural elements for the park areas. It was proposed to revive the Broidy Park Committee and look at work projects for the three parks.

b. Advertising Signage

M. Young was looking for feedback from the Committee on advertising on the fencing at the McCulloch and CN Ballfield. The Committee agreed that is was a great idea.

c. Healthy Eating Policy

M. Young informed the Committee that a Healthy Eating Policy Grant has been approved through the Dept of Health and Wellness; this grant will assist with the purchase of healthy eating equipment and implementing wellness practices in the workplace and during community events.

e. Website

Prior to next meeting, M. Young would like feedback from the Committee on navigation and finding information on the Town website. It was also suggested to look into the possibility of being able to sign up for programs and pay online.

Kent Corbett is in the process of organizing Ball Hockey at the Hector Arena and is looking for volunteers. If any members know of people who may be interested ask them to contact Kent.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: K. Fulton  
SECONDED: S. McNamara

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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Joseph F. Hawes  
Mayor

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Scott W. Conrod  
CAO