

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, Camille Davidson; Krista Fulton, Lauren Quann and Trecia Schell

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

REGRETS: Councillor Cam Beaton

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed Lauren Quann, student at Pictou Academy.

2. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED: C. Beaton
SECONDED: C. Davidson

PRP-10-27-15-1577

MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
6c Christmas Light Up.
MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. CONTINUING BUSINESS

a. Membership

D. Porter reported that there are several youth interested in sitting on the Committee and will attend once the Youth Centre opens.

MOVED: D. Porter
SECONDED: A. Munroe

PRP-10-27-15-1578

MOTION: To recommend that Council approve the appointment of Trecia Schell to the Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee.
MOTION CARRIED

b. Facilities: Quarry Pond/Jitney Trail

A facility tour was held on Saturday, October 24 at Veterans Park, the marina, CN Field, Pine St Park and the fitness trail behind Pictou Elementary. Several suggestions were made: to promote the use of the CN Field for group/staff outings, a walking track around the inside of the CN Field; more benches and bike racks needed at several of the parks; ask businesses to donate a bench; build a dirt bike track near the Pictou Elementary field. It was suggested that the Fitness Trail should be promoted more.

M. Young mentioned that Active Pictou County has 50 sets of snowshoes available for use and suggested that we could house some of them at the McCulloch Heritage Centre for public use.

c. Youth Centre/Skate Park – update

Nothing to report as this time.

D. Porter will be assisting Eric Stackhouse in the Library discussion being held for youth on the new Library Project on November 10th at 3:30 pm.

d. Off Leash Dog Park

A discussion was held on the Off Leash Dog Park. M. Young circulated a copy of the Town of New Glasgow's by-law; information on the Off-Leash Dog Parks in HRM and information on dog related signage. It was agreed that an Off Leash Dog Park would be an added attraction to the town. M. Young will look into insurance and location for next meeting.

e. Natural Playground Concepts

No update

f. Facilities Tour

Covered earlier

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Active Transportation Committee

M. Young spoke with Gordon Young about forming an Active Transportation Committee; a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2015.

b. Sport Day in Canada

Sport Day in Canada will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015. It was agreed to have activities at the pool and rink. A public thank you to coaches and volunteers for their contributions in growing sport in our community will be a part of Sport Day in Canada. M. Young will make contact with the rink to hang a banner/signage for the day with this message.

c. Recreation Co-ordinator – Information Sharing

M. Young attended the annual Recreation Nova Scotia Conference this past week and reported that the sessions were very informative. There was a strong focus on connecting to nature and to bring back play.

M. Young suggested that we include Information Sharing on the agenda monthly. All present agreed to add it under Continuing Business.

d. Christmas Light Up

A Munroe, D. Porter, S. McNamara and C. Davidson will sit on the committee. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 3:00 pm.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: S. McNamara

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SECONDED: A. Munroe

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO