

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:** Councillor Cam Beaton; Krista Fulton and Trecia Schell

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor Alta Munroe; Members Shawn McNamara and Camille Davidson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Porter called the meeting to order.

**2. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

MOVED: C. Beaton

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SECONDED: D. Porter

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.  
MOTION CARRIED

**3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES**

Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. No additions or errors were noted.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**5. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

a. Winter Carnival

There was a great turnout for the Winter Carnival; the location at the Curling Club worked out very well. Suggestions for next year include: team competitions; music during the Saturday afternoon events; and snow painting on snow banks.

b. Volunteer Week and Town Reception

Sadie O’Hearn was chosen as the 2016 Town of Pictou Representative Volunteer of the Year. She will be attending the Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony and Dinner in Halifax on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Pictou reception will be held on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the deCoste Centre. Krista, Trecia and Dave will sit on the organizing committee. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

c. Membership

D. Porter reported that no youth club members have shown interest in serving on the PRP Committee to date; he suggested that we contact Erin MacDonald, Co-President at the Pictou Academy. Michelle reported that she had contacted Pictou Academy and Northumberland; Blair MacDonald from the Academy was going to look into it; no response yet from Northumberland.

Anne Gratton has shown interest in being on the committee; D. Porter will follow up with her.

d. Off Leash Dog Park

A discussion was held on the Off Leash Dog Park. There was some concern expressed over liability, keeping the area clean, grass cutting, funding and noise level (barking). It was agreed that Michelle will look into liability insurance and report back.

e. Active Transportation Committee

No update

f. Youth Centre/Skate Park

The Youth Centre is now open and receiving a good response. They will be holding a public talk by Buhle Dlamini to mark International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Palace at 7:00 pm. Cost is FREE.

C. Beaton asked about the dirt bike park that was brought up at an earlier meeting. It was agreed to look into the matter and include on next month's agenda.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Recreation Coordinator – Information Sharing

The Annual NS Recreation Conference will be hosted by the Highland Region at the Pictou County Wellness Centre on September 28-29. This will be a great opportunity for Committee Members to participate as it is being held locally.

Trecia reported that the Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) will be reorganizing to work more effectively with the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) and the IWK. As part of these changes, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Active Living Branch will move to Department of Community, Culture and Heritage (CCH).

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED

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Joseph F. Hawes  
Mayor

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Scott W. Conrod  
CAO