

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 Alta Munro; Members Krista Fulton, Shawn McNamara and Trecia Schell

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator

REGRETS: Councillor Cam Beaton, Camille Davidson, and Jo-Anne McNamara

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Porter called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED: A. Munro

PRP-03-29-16-1645

SECONDED: D. Porter

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

Minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting were reviewed. No additions or errors were noted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. CONTINUING BUSINESS

a. Volunteer Week and Town Reception

Discussion was held on the Town of Pictou Volunteer Reception which will be held on Thursday, April 14th at the deCoste Centre. Lloyd McLean will be the guest speaker. It was suggested to contact three local food establishments for catering quotes. Other items in the program discussed included: music, master of ceremonies and a reflection.

It was suggested that Pictou Recreation and Parks attend the Volunteer Fair at the Wellness Centre and set up a display promoting volunteer opportunities in Pictou. M. Young will coordinate participation in the Volunteer Fair on April 6th.

b. Membership

D. Porter relayed to the committee that a member had indicated that they may step away from the Committee as they are finding it difficult to attend meetings due to work

commitments. The Pictou Recreation and Parks By-Laws will be reviewed concerning member participation.

c. Youth Centre/Skate Park

D. Porter reported that there is a continued interest by youth to use the Youth Centre. The use has dropped a little since opening. The Youth Centre is hosting a guest speaker, Buhle Dlamini, who will be speaking on “The Role of Youth in Creating Social Change”. This presentation will take place on March 31st.

The Youth Centre is organizing a ball hockey league for the warmer months.

d. Off Leash Dog Park

M. Young distributed examples of other off leash dog parks in the province (Bridgewater and Truro). Discussion followed on liability; M. Young will find out the extra cost related to liability by next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Jitney Trail – Trans Canada Trail Project

M. Young reviewed the Trans Canada Trail Project that will begin this year. She will be engaging the Committee on design concepts and is looking for ideas on signage (trail and interpretation).

b. Go Clean Get Green

Go Clean Get Green will take place on Saturday April 23rd. It was suggested to have a BBQ this year following the cleanup. It was proposed to engage community groups and organizations to participate this year such as: youth, sport teams, fire department, RCMP, churches, etc. Groups could be encouraged to adopt a street. A list of areas that need more attention will be created. A reminder will be sent out to the Committee closer to the date to determine who might be able to help.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO