

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

PRESENT: Councillors Cam Beaton and Alta Munroe; Members Trecia Schell, Dave McMullen, Krista Fulton, Shawn McNamara and Mike Feiner

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Porter called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED: S. McNamara
SECONDED: D. McMullen

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

Minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

M. Young presented a letter from Sadie O’Hearn thanking the Committee for their support and recognition for the Pictou Volunteer of the Year Award (2016).

5. BUSINESS ARISING

a. Review of PRP Policy

- A copy of the policy will be emailed out to all Committee members.
- There was a question in relation to what happens when a vote is tied – the vote would default to a defeat.

b. Planning – Mapping out the Next Year

Current Projects & Events

Discussion followed on the Committee’s current projects and events.

- Annual Open House 2017 – suggestions were made to hold it at the CN Station outdoor space.
- Other events – the Committee would like to continue with Winter Carnival, Volunteer Week and Christmas Light Up (sub-committees will be created for these events).

- Earth Day and Go Clean Get Green – these events were a priority of the previous Council; the Committee would like to see if they continue to be a priority of the new Council.
- Canada’s 150th Anniversary may also play a role in Council’s priorities for 2017.
- Some discussion was held on Winter Carnival and exploring bringing back team competitions. Dave Porter will work on an ad to be sent out to businesses; organizations and possible sponsors. A public meeting will be advertised for anyone wishing to help out.
- The annual facility tour will be held in the spring; the pool will be included.
- Discussion was held on the storage lockers being built at the Marina. This project was made possible through a Trans Canada Trail grant and funding from the Province. The project also includes an addition to the current ramp to make it easier for canoes/kayaks to be launched. A trail head kiosk will also be installed.
- There were questions about liability; who is responsible for monitoring what is stored in the lockers? Several members were concerned about charging for the launching of boats (large craft) at the current ramp and who is responsible collection of fees. It was explained that the fee collection will fall under the marina operations lease.

Roles & Interests

Facilities – Krista and Mike

Trails – Trecia

A sign-up list will be brought to the next meeting for members. For future agendas, Roles and Interests will be included under Business Arising.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Light Up

Sub-committee: Shawn McNamara, David Porter, Dave McMullen, Bonnie Allen and Kent Corbett. Krista Fulton will help out the night of the event.

The LED Light Exchange program through Efficiently Nova Scotia has been cancelled. The Committee will look into a replacement for this event.

Winter Carnival

Tabled until next meeting.

Town Website

The menus were moved around to make navigation easier. Members are encouraged to visit the website and forward any suggestions for improvement to Michelle.

New “Big” Event

At the last meeting, discussion was held on bringing a “big event” to town; suggestions included:

- Antique Car Show
- A run
- Bike Show

- Triathlon or a Tri-Mini
- Rowing

Dave Porter reported that he is on the Pictou Positive Committee; they are looking into events such as a Rib Fest and/or a Chowder Challenge.

It was noted that three different groups are working on similar activities; that it would be beneficial to work together.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

Nothing reported.

8. NEXT MEETING

November 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 8:45 pm.

APPROVED

Joseph F. Hawes
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO