

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 Eric Daley and Nadine LeBlanc; Committee Members Mike Feiner, Krista Fulton, Dave McMullen, Shawn McNamara and Trecia Schell

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: M. Feiner
SECONDED: S. McNamara

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MOTION: To approve the agenda with one addition:
6c Regular Meeting Day
MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

Since there was no quorum on November 29, 2016, the minutes were taken for information purposes only.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Planning – Mapping out the Next Year

At the last two meetings, the Committee looked at past annual projects and the merits in continuing with the projects. The Quarry Pond is an item that the Committee would like to investigate further. The Lions Club are also exploring opportunities related to outdoor recreation at the Quarry Pond area and will be making contact with the Town.

Some discussion was held on events for Canada 150. The Committee would like to incorporate the 150 theme into any events the group is hosting over the next year. The following events were discussed:

February – African Heritage Month event at the deCoste – Under African Skies

March – March Break

April – Volunteer Week and Earth Day

May – Fishing Derby

June – Recreation Month, Bike Week and Bike Rodeo

July – Canada Day, Tall Ships and Lobster Carnival

August – Natal Day

September – Highland Homecoming

Other Suggestions:

- explore a writing or art contest on why participants like Canada (150 words) – contact Sobeys to sponsor and the Library as a partner
- approach organizations hosting community events about incorporating Canada 150 into their events
- place a banner on the Town website for the online application for the Canada Park Pass for Canada 150
- D. Porter will approach Larry Hogg from the Moto Guzzi Club to discuss a possible Poker Run to benefit the SPCA

6. NEW BUSINESS

b) Winter Carnival

D. Porter will have the poster for the Winter Cup Challenge out to the public by the end of the week. The challenge will include a 3-legged race, karaoke and snow sculpture contest. It was also suggested to include curling i.e., draw to the button. K. Fulton offered to help distribute posters for the event when they are ready.

N. LeBlanc will contact Vicki at the Curling Rink to ask about using the facility for Winter Carnival taking place February 10-12, 2017.

Suggestions:

- offer a mini challenge curling bonspiel
- ask the Pictou County Crushers to help out with road hockey
- post that we are looking for volunteers to help out on Facebook

M. Feiner, D. Porter, D. McMullen, S. McNamara and T. Schell will volunteer on the Saturday of Winter Carnival.

c) Sub-committee Reports

Facilities:

- Pool – It was noted that people with disabilities have little privacy for changing. There are grants that could assist with accessibility upgrades. There may be an opportunity to re-configure the current space, but NSCC will need to be involved and on board with the project.

d) **Regular Meeting Day**

Due to a conflict with Tuesdays, the question was asked if meetings could be changed to another day. All present agreed to change the regular meeting date to the last Thursday of the month.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

D. Porter reported he was not having any luck with recruiting a student to sit on the Committee. It was mentioned that Luke MacDonald might be interested; he has a strong interest in serving the community. N. LeBlanc will contact him.

Committee members asked if the Wellness Program that is available to Town Staff for programs and equipment could be offered to the Committee Members. The Recreation Coordinator will inquire.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO