

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 Krista Fulton, Shawn McNamara, Trecia Schell and Dave McMullen; Future Committee member Luke MacDonald

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator (Recorder)

REGRETS: ~~Dave McMullen~~, Mike Feiner, Jo-Anne McNamara

1. WELCOME

Chair Porter called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

2. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED: T. Schell

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SECONDED: S. McNamara

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Winter Carnival

It was reported that many of the events for Winter Carnival were well attended; the numbers for the outdoor events were down from last year. The Road Hockey Shootout was a success. Suggestions for next year included: partnering with Pictou Academy, skidoo rides on the Jitney Trail, Chili cook off, a snow shoe/cross country ski rally, ice fishing, curling crokinole and an outdoor campfire.

b. Moto Guzzi Rally

At a previous meeting, the organizer made a presentation asking the group to be involved with the rally. The Committee discussed what they felt their role should be – to assist the organizer in connecting with potential volunteers and other parties of interest. Other suggestions to pass along were ideas related to a motor bike event during the Lobster Carnival and promotions. D. Porter and M. Young will follow up with the organizer.

- c. Quarry Pond
Tabled until next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Earth Day – April 22, 2017

The theme for Earth Day this year is Earth Play. There will be a stargazing trail walk along the Jitney to Brown's Point. At Brown's Point an astrologer (guest speaker) will provide a talk on stargazing. Concluding the talk will be a campfire. A suggestion was made to print off star charts and to contact the local Girl Guides groups (for badge requirements).

- b. Canada 150 Writing Contest

N. LeBlanc and L. MacDonald have been organizing the writing contest for the schools which is open to ~~8-15 year olds~~ **all age groups**. The deadline for submissions is March 24th. There will be a first and second place prize for each school. The stories will be printed in the Advocate throughout the year recognizing Canada's 150th Anniversary. Sobeys and Pictou Antigonish Library will be contacted for prize donations.

- c. Pictou Volunteer Reception

The deCoste has been confirmed for Tuesday, April 25th. The sub-Committee this year will be K. Fulton, D. Porter and T. Schell. Arrangements to use the projector and screen at the deCoste will be required in advance.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

- a. ParticipACTION 150 Playlist

The Town of Pictou is registered for the ParticipACTION 150 playlist. Physical activities will be checked off the list as events happen throughout the year.

- b. Nova Scotia Walk Day

The Pictou Library will be organizing an event on May 10th for Nova Scotia Walk Day. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Scott W. Conrod
CAO