

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 Luke MacDonald, Dave McMullen and Shawn McNamara.

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

REGRETS: Trecia Schell, Mike Feiner and Krista Fulton

1. WELCOME

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 with the following additions:
6d - PRP Policy
7c - Outdoor Rink
MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

Tabled to the next meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Equipment Loan Program

M Young reported that an Equipment Loan Program was launched over the summer where residents can sign out various equipment (Nordic walking poles, canoe, bikes, etc). There is a Learn to Canoe Program being held on October 10 at 2:00 pm.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sub-Committee Reports

None

b. Youth Centre

Discussed below

c. Christmas Light-Up

The Christmas Light-Up will be held on Friday, December 1 at 6:00 pm. M Young reported that Peter Fraser is not available to do the Apple Cider this year but Mike Feiner will do it.

Kent Corbett indicated the Tree Event will be held again at the Northumberland Fisheries Museum and will begin on December 1. N LeBlanc will approach Pictou Businesses to remain open on Friday night and suggest having a tax-free event.

It was suggested to have a portable mic for Bonnie; ask Trinity if they are interested in the event again and check with the deCoste to see if they have any events on December 1.

d. PRP Policy

Per Council request, the Committee reviewed the Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee Policy to insure it was being followed. The Committee will review the policy each fall. The Committee would like to arrange a meeting with the new CAO once the position is filled.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

Community Projects

a. Skate Park

Some discussion was held on the Skate Park and the funding structure for the project. It was suggested that youth be engaged in the design and that it would be beneficial to plan a day trip to another skatepark so they can see first-hand other examples. It was also suggested to talk to other youth who use skate parks to obtain input.

b. Youth Center

Activities that are taking place at the Youth Center include:

- Haunted house
- Job training
- Open for community use – yoga, birthday parties and highland dance
- Study/tutoring, GED
- Kids in crisis (support)
- Blue Bucket Program
- Guest speakers

There are approximately 10 active members. The Town provides financial support for programming but is not directly involved in operations.

c. Outdoor Rink

Discussion followed on building an outdoor rink in Pictou. It was suggested to make contact with the West Side Community Centre who install a rink annually; they have ice in the winter and roller blading in the summer.

Committee members will provide suggestions for locations for an outdoor rink by email to M Young prior to next meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: E Daley

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SECONDED: S McNamara

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Nicole Battist
Deputy Clerk