

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee meeting convened 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Chair Dave Porter presiding.

PRESENT: Councillor Eric Daley; Committee Members Luke MacDonald, Dave McMullen, Shawn McNamara and Trecia Schell

ALSO PRESENT: Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc and Committee Member Krista Fulton

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Porter called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: D McMullen

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the November 1, 2018 meeting were reviewed; no errors noted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Youth Centre Update

- D Porter reported that it was quiet at the Youth Centre
- Due to low registration the Building a Safe Community Sessions did not take place

b. Skatepark

D Porter reported that there is a donation of \$25,000 from SHMH Board which has a timeline of March 2020. The provincial grant program through Communities Culture and Heritage available for planning for the park will not be available again until April 1, 2019.

c. Committee Members

D Porter has spoke to several of the Syrian families about sitting on the committee; they are not ready at this time. D McMullen had spoken to someone who is interested and will consider attending a meeting.

d. Pictou Christmas Light Up

The Christmas Light Up will be held this Friday. Planning items discussed included:

- S McNamara will check with DM LeBlanc to see if Ben the “Lobster” would take part in the parade
- M Young will get safety vests for the volunteers
- it was suggested to have several garbage cans at the Market Square grounds

e. Winter Carnival

The Winter Carnival will be held February 8-10, 2019.

f. Outdoor Rink

M Young reported that the CN ballfield has been prepped for the outdoor rink: grass was cut, the ground levelled, and leaves raked.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Physical Activity Survey – Pictou County

A county-wide survey is presently being done through the Province regarding physical activity in the area; the survey will be conducted through a phone call.

b. Highland Connect

M Young asked members to review Town of Pictou records on the Highland Connect site and to report any errors if they see any.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

It was suggested that a flyer be developed about the Recreation and Parks Committee explaining its mandate and events the group organizes; for Committee Members to use when recruiting potential members. M Young stated that a brochure exists that will be distributed to everyone for review and updates.

Recreation and Parks received a donation of cross-country skis. It was suggested to post on Facebook that we are looking for ski boots.

D Porter informed the Committee that he will begin a new job in January; this will involve working out of town and potentially out-of-province; it will effect his participation on the Committee.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO