

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee meeting convened 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Recreation Coordinator Michelle Young presiding.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc, Committee Members Dave McMullen and Shawn McNamara

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

**REGRETS:** Councillor Eric Daley; Committee Members Krista Fulton, Luke MacDonald, Dave Porter and Trecia Schell

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Recreation Coordinator Young called the meeting to order. As there was not a quorum, the minutes are for information purposes only.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: DM LeBlanc  
SECONDED: D McMullen

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.  
MOTION CARRIED

**3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed; no errors noted.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

It was suggested to send a thank you card along with a gift to past Chair Dave Porter.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. Youth Centre Update

Mike Hiltz will now be the contact for the Youth Centre; M Young will invite him to the next meeting.

b. Skatepark

Ashley George is now the contact for the skatepark; M Young will invite him to the next meeting. A call will be put out to the community for people who are interested in working on the project committee. No further updates on the project at this time.

c. Committee Members

The committee presently has six members. Per policy, the minimum required is five people with a maximum of eleven members. Gary Sinclair and Jane Laird are interested in sitting on the Committee; M Young will invite them to our next meeting.

d. Winter Carnival

Don Gunning approached M Young about using his property beside the China Boat Restaurant to hold a snow sculpture contest during the Winter Carnival. He suggested having Public Works dump snow there when plowing. The Committee agreed it was a good idea.

A Crokicurl activity was also suggested; it was agreed to put this on hold until next year to allow more planning time.

M Young will check:

- Whether the Library Staff will choose the winners of the coloring contest
- Whether Town Businesses will pass out the coloring contest sheets
- With Eric Daley on the response of the Ball Hockey Shoot Out Challenge last year
- With Krista Fulton and Anne Porter to see if they would volunteer during Carnival weekend.

N LeBlanc will check with the curling club on hosting the event.

S McNamara will check with the Carnival Committee about hosting a dance at Fat Tony's on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

e. Outdoor Rink

M Young reported that work soon will begin on the outdoor rink; it is hoped that it will be ready for a Winter Carnival event again this year.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Chair Position – PRPC

David Porter has resigned as Chair. The Committee decided to wait until the next meeting to appoint a new chair.

**7. INFORMATION SHARING**

Youth Council Conference – The Province will be holding an event in Halifax on Saturday, January 19 where youth who volunteer in their community can network and share information. M Young will share this opportunity with active youth volunteers and Pictou Academy Student Council.

M Young reported that there will be a Snow Shoe Guided Hike on the Jitney Trail on Family Day, February 18; hosted by Pictou Recreation & Parks and Cape2Cape.

Volunteer Week is April 7-13, 2019. The awards will be held in Halifax on Monday, April 1 and nominations for the Town Volunteer of the Year have to be submitted to Pictou Recreation and Parks by February 13. The Town Reception will be held at the deCoste on Tuesday, April 9.

Community Better Challenge – A contest sponsored by Aviva that funds initiatives that bring people together to create change within their community.

Tabled to the next meeting. M Young will enter the Town into the Challenge; deadline is February 1.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 7:00 pm

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.