

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

PRESENT: Councillor Eric Daley and Committee Member Dave McMullen

ALSO PRESENT: Ashley George, Skate Park
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc, Committee Members Krista Fulton, Luke MacDonald, Shawn McNamara 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

No additions

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed; no errors noted.

The ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge begins on May 31. All communities can apply for a \$1,000 prize to host a #BetterTogether event in celebration of communities coming together and being more active. There are national and regional prizes.

This item will be put on next month's agenda.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Youth Centre Update

Mike Hiltz was unable to attend but it was reported that he is moving forward on several projects that Dave Porter was working on.

b. Skatepark

Ashley George was in attendance; he is planning to have a meeting within the next couple of weeks to recruit more committee members. General discussion on the project followed.

c. Committee Members

Gary Sinclair and Jane Laird are still interested in sitting on the committee but were unable to attend tonight. Michelle Young spoke with Trecia Schell about the position of Chair; she is interested but would like us to also delegate a Vice Chair. Michelle Young will put an ad in the paper advertising the next meeting as an open invitation for residents to attend.

d. Winter Carnival

A copy of the schedule was given to Committee members; Michelle Young reported that the location has changed to the McCulloch House Museum and Genealogy Centre. There are two new sponsors this year – Back to Basics Physiotherapy and Allan Slaunwhite & Mike MacKean IG Wealth Management.

Volunteers for the event – Shawn McNamara and Dave McMullen on sleigh rides; Greg Sinclair will cook.

Michelle Young will check to see if:

- the McCulloch Centre pond could be used for skating; and
- a teen dance could be organized at the Youth Centre on Friday night.

e. Outdoor Rink

The outdoor rink has not been installed due to weather and water levels.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pictou Volunteer of the Year

Letters have been sent to community groups and an ad placed in the paper, with a deadline of February 13 to submit nominations. Michelle Young will send an email to Committee Members to see who is interested in selecting the Town of Pictou Volunteer of the Year.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

Discovery Daypacks – Michelle Young reported that she received funding to put together local Discovery Day Packs from the Pictou West Community Health Board to help get people active. The four packs will have books and equipment to help explore the outdoors; the packs will be available through the library to sign out.

It was suggested to have some greeting cards on hand for various occasions that arise.

Discussion followed on the Loan Program for the canoe at the marina; it was suggested to install a larger sign.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.