

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee meeting convened 7:00 pm in Council Chambers on the above date. Chair Trecia Schell presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc; Councillor Eric Daley; Committee Member Dave McMullen

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Laird, Prospective Member
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Members Luke MacDonald and Shawn McNamara

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schell called the meeting to order. A welcome was extended to Jane Laird who is interested in becoming a Committee Member. J Laird introduced herself.

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 January 31, 2019 meeting were reviewed; no errors noted. However, there was one correction on the agenda of the prior meeting – change date of meeting from January 31, 2018 to January 31, 2019.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was sent to all Community Health Board Grant recipients inviting them to a recognition event that was held this past week – M Young attended.

D McMullen distributed a flyer for the August Motorcycle Show – Wheels on the Waterfront.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Community Better Challenge – ParticipACTION

The Community Better Challenge takes place in May and June. There is a micro grant available if a community hosts an event as part of the challenge. Ideas included: Astronomy Guided Hike at night; street dance (Youth Centre potential partner); a community trail build blitz; picnic games day in Broidy Park.

b. Skatepark

M Young reported that Ashley George had organized a Skatepark Committee meeting. Fifteen people were in attendance; very good feedback on planning process and design ideas. There is a new Facebook page for the Pictou Skatepark Society. The group will be meeting every two weeks. A skatepark building company from the South Shore will visit the proposed site before spring and will provide feedback information on what is being considered. Committee discussion followed on: return on investment, size of proposed location at Broidy Park, other locations and the value of a skatepark in the community.

c. Committee Members

Gary Sinclair is still interested in joining the Committee. Group discussion followed on engaging another high school student and an older adult/senior. An ad was put in the paper and on Facebook to invite the public to attend an upcoming meeting to learn about the Committee and its activities.

d. Winter Carnival Recap

The sleigh rides went well despite the extreme cold. Discussion was held on the location of activities this year. McCulloch House works well with good indoor and outdoor space. The Committee felt that next year's events should be held again at McCulloch House and to make alternate plans if weather does not cooperate. Other ideas for next year included: Winter bonfire and an astronomy activity (hike).

e. Pictou Volunteer of the Year

The nominations were reviewed by a sub-committee – Betty Richards was elected as Pictou's Representative Volunteer of the Year. Betty has volunteered for over 31 years at Shiretown Nursing Home in several capacities. Discussion followed on the Pictou Patron Award and the Norm Babinec Award. It was decided that the Norm Babinec Award will be presented this year. The provincial Volunteer Award Dinner in Halifax will take place on April 1. The Town Volunteer Reception is April 9. For the reception planning, the following needs to be decided:

- Food for reception – Chair Schell will contact Harbour House
- Guest Speaker – Committee members to think of ideas and forward to M Young
- deCoste Centre – determine if we can play house music
- Entertainment – contact McCulloch Education Centre Band

6. NEW BUSINESS**a. Go Clean Get Green**

The event is taking place on April 26 and 27 this year. Suggestions for this year's cleanup day include: partnering with the schools, setting up a second location in Broidy Park to hand out supplies and check in.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

None

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO