

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: Councillor Eric Daley; Committee Members Dave McMullen and Shawn McNamara

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

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc and Member Luke MacDonald

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schell called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: D McMullen
SECONDED: E Daley

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting were reviewed; no errors noted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A nomination was received for a special award at the Town's Volunteer Reception. The decision was made to present the Norm Babinec Award this year which recognizes a business for their outstanding contributions to the community.

A thank you letter was received from Dave Porter thanking the Committee for their acknowledgment of his time served as a member and chair of the PRP Committee.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Volunteer Week and Reception

The Provincial Awards were held in Halifax on April 1. Several changes were made to the reception this year, including more music and the location (the Casino). Luke MacDonald was nominated for the Provincial Youth Volunteer of Year. The Committee suggested recognizing nominations at the local Volunteer Reception.

Plans are well underway for the local reception to be held April 9. It was suggested for the Committee Chair to speak at the end of the Volunteer Reception and mention that the Committee is looking for new members.

b. Skatepark Update

M Young handed out a presentation that was made to the Committee approximately a year ago. There was also some discussion on an all-wheels park which would include skate boards, rollerblades, scooters and BMX.

There will be a public meeting on Sunday, April 7 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Centre. A grant application will be completed by the end of next week to help with the design and engineered drawings of the park (a construction package). The goal is to have the construction tender package completed by the end of the summer.

c. Committee Members

An ad was put in the paper to invite the public to attend an upcoming meeting to learn about the Committee and its activities.

The deadline for Summer Student applications is April 22; interviews will be set up that week. M Young will be looking for committee members to assist with interviews.

d. Go Clean Get Green

Community Clean Up will be on Saturday, April 27. At the last meeting, it was suggested to have two locations – the firehall and Broidy Park. Notices will be sent home with students and placed in church bulletins.

S McNamara, D McMullen and E Daley are available to help; M Young will see if Dave Porter is available.

The question was asked if participation numbers and total weight of garbage collected are reported. In the past, total numbers are given for the County, but not individual towns.

Two other events to help with the cleanup will be held by:

- Cape to Cape Trail Hike – will do a clean up along the trail
- Running Group – will participate in a plogging event where participants run and pick up garbage

It was suggested to do a media release on the various activities taking place on Cleanup Day.

NEW BUSINESS

None

6. INFORMATION SHARING

The Pictou Lobster Carnival Committee is holding a Ham and Salad Dinner fundraiser on Thursday, April 11 from 11:00-2:00 pm. Take-out and delivery only.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Chair Schell will not be available.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO