

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
Mike Hiltz, Pictou Youth Centre
Jessica MacIsaac, Pictou Youth Centre
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 and welcomed Mike and Jessica.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: D McMullen

SECONDED: S McNamara

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed; no errors noted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Skatepark Update

There was a good turnout for both public meetings that were held over the last two months. A company in the South Shore is completing a 3D rendering of the skate park based on community input on design features. To date there is a total of \$40,000 raised through fundraising and from a grant received through the Sutherland Harris Memorial Foundation (SHMF). Approval for a provincial grant was received today to help with 1/3 of the cost for an engineered construction drawing package. Jam for Jimmie raised \$902 this past weekend. A sponsorship letter will be sent out to local businesses and other potential partners.

b. Pictou Youth Centre Update

Jessica and Mike gave an update on what has been happening at the Youth Centre since they took over in January. Activities include photography workshops, musical performances by several musicians and pop up markets. There is a family games night scheduled for June 22 and a clothing swap on June 15.

On Saturday, July 6, in conjunction with the Lobster Carnival, they are organizing a Youth Rock Show. Their vision is to have a safe place for workshops, entertainment and other activities with the hope to increase the hours to full time.

It was suggested that they work on having an executive/board to help out.

c. Committee Members

At the next Regular Council meeting, a recommendation will be brought forth to appoint Jane Laird as a Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee Member. Jessica MacIsaac has also expressed interest in sitting on the committee.

d. Community Better Challenge

The Challenge will run from May 31 to June 16. There is an app that can be downloaded on your phone to track physical activity or a community event. Bike Week is registered for the challenge and they will be holding an event on June 15 on the Pictou Waterfront.

e. Go Clean Get Green

Community Clean Up had good participation considering the weather; numbers down from last year. It was suggested to go with the two locations again next year.

6. NEW BUSINESS**a. Inclusion and Access Policy**

The Provincial Government had passed new legislation on Accessibility which mandates our province to become more accessible by 2030. In line with this new legislation, Pictou Recreation and Parks wishes to explore a new “Inclusion and Access Policy” which provides guiding principles around accessing recreational services. Two examples of policies from other Nova Scotia municipalities were given to each committee member to review before the next meeting for input.

b. Hike NS AGM – Pictou

Hike NS’s AGM will be held in Pictou June 16 at the McCulloch Centre.

c. Accessibility

The proposed new accessible washroom at the pool is estimated to cost \$61,000. Engineered drawings are complete; Michelle had applied for a grant which did not receive approval. Other funding sources are being explored. The pool is scheduled for shut down in August.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

Fitness Trails – would like to see the area cleaned up; possibly organize a clean-up day; various ideas suggested for what could be done to re-instate the fitness trails. Cape 2 Cape may have some ideas and equipment that could assist with the cleanup. A sub-committee will be formed once determined if this is a project that the committee wishes to pursue.

Pictou Motorcycle Show will be held on August 17 with a rain date of August 18.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Chair Schell will not be available.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO