

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

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Nadine LeBlanc; Councillor Eric Daley; Committee Members Jane Young, Dave McMullen and Luke MacDonald

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Chair Trecia Schell; Member Shawn McNamara

1. CALL TO ORDER

M Young called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: E Daley

SECONDED: J Laird

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated with two additions:

6c CN Station

6d Marina

MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the May 30, 2019 meeting were reviewed; no errors noted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Dave McMullen, Pictou Motorcycle Show, sent a thank you note to the Town for their support with the event.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Skatepark Update

Three proposals were submitted for the design and concept drawings; a working group evaluated the proposals and the company selected will be notified. The deliverable of this phase of the project is the production of engineered drawings for an “All Wheels Skate Park”, including costs. The funding support received in the amount of \$25,000 needs to be spent by March 31, 2020.

b. Pictou Youth Centre Update

J Laird updated the committee on the programs being offered at the Youth Centre including Youth Yoga, Clothing Swaps, Kickboxing, Friendship Group and possible cooking classes. There has been challenges around use of the space at the Youth Centre, as three days of the week it is committed to another group.

c. Pool Accessibility Project Update

M Young reported that the department is currently working on installing accessible changerooms at the pool and various other smaller projects that will increase accessibility. The project costs will be shared with NSCC and the Town with support through a provincial grant (waiting on approval). Uneven surfaces at the entrance pathway to the pool have been rectified and counters and mirrors were installed at lower levels. The pool already has a hydro lift and wheelchair.

Several pools in the past have allowed dogs in the pool to swim prior to draining the pool for maintenance. M Young will check with other pools that have done this to see if they ran into any issues.

d. Fitness Trail

Discussion followed on the former Fitness Trails off Wellington St and the possibility of re-establishing sections of it. There is a trail building event taking place in October that could possibly help with the project. M Young has spoken to the event group; they are currently looking for ideas on locations for hosting a trail build day. It was also suggested that students in Grades 7 and 8 could help out. M Young will look at a date for Committee Members to walk the trail.

6. NEW BUSINESS**a. Outdoor Rink**

A discussion was held on the Outdoor Rink at the CN Station and a local business who is interested in building an outdoor rink at the old tennis courts. The former tennis courts property belongs to the Agricultural Society; contact has been made with them regarding the use of the property. M Young will set up a joint meeting with the Agricultural Society, the Rink Commission and the Town to further discuss,

b. Christmas Light Up

Will be held on Friday, December 6. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

c. CN Station

This is a designated historical building and there may be funding programs available for renovations and repairs. Suggestions were made on sources of assistance which included the CEF, NSCC (youth trades), phasing the work and partnering with other organizations.

d. Marina

Discussion followed on the marina which included: condition of wharf, general maintenance and term of lease. The Town had contracted an engineering firm to conduct an assessment of the wharf and breakwater; several options have been presented.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

None

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: L MacDonald

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO