

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee meeting convened 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room, First Floor Town Hall on the above date. Michelle Young chaired the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Daley and Nadine LeBlanc; Committee Members Dave McMullen and Jane Young

ALSO PRESENT: Leah Heighton, Potential Member
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Committee Members Luke MacDonald and Shawn McNamara

1. CALL TO ORDER

M Young called the meeting to order and welcomed Leah Heighton to the meeting. Leah is interested in sitting on the Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: D McMullen
SECONDED: N LeBlanc

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the November 28, 2019 meeting were reviewed; no errors or omissions noted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was received from Tyler Matchem representing Rugby Canada Under 18 Team in a tournament in California for supporting his travel.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Committee Members & Chair

Two residents are interested in sitting on the Committee – Leah Heighton and Kelsey Wallace. J Young knows of another person who may be interested. M Young created an Instagram account which will promote recreation and active living.

b. Skate Park Update

The 2D drawings were received over Christmas, reviewed, edited and given back to the design company to revise. Newline Skateparks will present the design in February. The Pictou Advocate and The News will be doing an article in the paper next week. The Pictou Skate Park Society is presently selling raffle tickets; the draw will be February 29.

c. Youth Centre Update

J Young will reach out to Jessica MacIsaac to see if she is still involved with the Youth Centre. The Centre is in need of a space that enables consistent usage.

d. Fitness Trail

Nothing to report.

e. Christmas Light Up – Recap

Overall, the Light Up went well. There was positive feedback on having both trees lit up. All agreed to return to the Friday night date as in previous years.

f. Veterans Drive Playground

Tabled until next meeting

6. NEW BUSINESSa. Winter Carnival

Discussion on the 2020 Winter Carnival included:

- organize pond skating at McCulloch House
- routing of the sleigh rides
- activities throughout the weekend
- promotions; and
- volunteering

b. Volunteer Week

Volunteer Week will be April 19-25; the Town Reception will be held at the deCoste Centre on Tuesday, April 21; an ad will go in the paper looking for nominations for the Representative Volunteer of the Year for the Town.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

- Accessibility Advisory Committee – There is a provincial mandate to have a local committee in place in 2020. The committee is to consist of at least 50% individuals who have a disability. An ad has already been placed in the Pictou Advocate.
- The Swim Team is hosting a swim meet in February; Northern Pulp has been a major sponsor in the past. It was suggested that they write a letter to Council asking for assistance.
- D McMullen is looking for someone to take over the Motorcycle Show. The AGM will be held on February 22 in Council Chambers. Members agreed that this was a wonderful event for the Town and would love to see it continue.
- The Pictou Curling Club will be hosting the Provincial Para-Curling event in 2020.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 7:00 pm; to discuss Winter Carnival, Skate Park and Youth Centre.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO