

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; Committee Members Luke MacDonald, Dave McMullen, Shawn McNamara and Jane Young

ALSO PRESENT: Leah Heighton, Potential Member
Dan Chisholm, Student NSCC Truro Campus
Freddie MacKay, Student NSCC Truro Campus
Michelle Young, Recreation Coordinator
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Councillor Nadine LeBlanc

1. CALL TO ORDER

M Young called the meeting to order and welcomed Dan Chisholm and Freddie MacKay, students from NSCC Truro Campus enrolled in the Community Recreation Program.

It was suggested that our meetings be posted in a more visible location on our website.

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 January 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed; no errors or omissions noted. It was noted that Kelsey Wallace is still interested in sitting on the Committee but had a previous commitment for tonight.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Skate Park Update

A rather substantial grant was submitted to the Province this week. The preliminary 3D drawings were received; copies were available for Committee Members to look at. There will be a Public Meeting on February 23 at 6:00 pm at the PA Gym; Newline Skatepark representatives will be presenting the 3D drawings. M Young will forward the poster for the

meeting to Committee Members when available and will use social media and other means to advertise the meeting. The Pictou Skate Park Society is a registered non-profit organization. Tickets are now being sold on an amazing package of donated items; draw date February 28. Sponsorship packages have been given to several local businesses. The Skatepark Society will be presenting to the Pictou Rotary Club on February 26. Three other funding programs have been identified and will be applied for over the next two months; the annual Jam for Jimmie will take place in March.

b. Youth Centre

J Young reported that Jessica MacIsaac and Mike Hiltz are no longer involved with the Youth Centre. Since they took on the management of the Youth Centre, they had tried various activities/events. The biggest issue is consistency in use of the space; it was difficult to find regular times for youth to drop in to the centre due to other use by outside groups. J Young will ask Jessica and Mike to do a summary report of any outstanding items and plans they have on assets of the Youth Centre.

c. Winter Carnival

Promotions for Winter Carnival include social media, Pictou Advocate, posters and programs at various locations in Town. There has been a huge response to the Guided Hike and Marshmallow Roast on Friday night. It was suggested to put up posters at the Bantam Memorial Tournament for this coming weekend.

Volunteers:

- Fire pits for Friday night – S McNamara, Councillor LeBlanc, M Young and D McMullen
- J Young and L MacDonald are available to help Friday night; Dan Chisholm and Freddie MacKay were going to check with classmates to see if they would be available to help
- S McNamara and D McMullen will help with the sleigh rides on Saturday
- M Young will get cones and barricades for the sleigh rides.

M Young will send out an email to Committee Members with a run down of the weekend. She will also reach out to other volunteers to help with the event.

d. Volunteer Week

Volunteer Week will be April 19-25, with the Provincial Awards Ceremony in Halifax on April 27 and the Town of Pictou Reception on Tuesday, April 21. Members were asked to think of a possible guest speaker for the event. M Young will check with the Province inquiring whether a couple can be nominated for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pictou Splash Pad

A presentation was made to Council last night on the Splash Pad project; positive response was received. An estimate of the total cost of the project is approximately \$200,000.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

None

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO