

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: Councillor Eric Daley; Committee Members Luke MacDonald, Shawn McNamara

ALSO PRESENT: Leah Heighton, Potential Member
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Councillor Nadine LeBlanc; Committee Member Dave McMullen and Jane Young

1. CALL TO ORDER

M Young called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: E Daley

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 February 4, 2020 meeting were reviewed; no errors or omissions noted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. New Caledonian Curling Club

A thank you from the Club was received for supporting the hosting of the Provincial Wheelchair Curling Championships.

b. Futurworx

M Young did a presentation to a group of Futureworx students in a training program. The presentation was for a job readiness employment program.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Skatepark Update

A Public Meeting was held where the 3D Design was presented by Newline Skateparks; meeting was well attended. The design company will take input from the meeting, edit the design and then complete the engineer drawings. There is a detailed list of materials needed for the project that various companies can be approached for, as in-kind donations. The Skatepark Committee has presented to the Rotary Club of Pictou. A sponsorship package has

been sent to potential donors. It was suggested to include pictures of the 3D drawings in the package.

There are several fundraisers underway and two grants have been applied for. A suggestion was made to have signs of the 3D design of the Skatepark on display at various places throughout town and other public locations in the County.

b. Youth Centre

No updates. It was suggested that just prior to the next meeting, the Committee check with the Youth Centre to see what items are stored there.

c. Volunteer Week & Volunteer of the Year

A sub-committee met. There were four nominations for the Town Volunteer of the Year – Jacqueline Lavoie was chosen as Pictou’s Representative Volunteer of the Volunteer. A couple was nominated for the award, but since the Province does not accept couples for awards, it was suggested that they receive the Pictou Patron Award. The same couple was nominated last year.

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: L MacDonald

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MOTION: To recommend to Council that previous nominations for the award be valid for a period of 5 years.
MOTION CARRIED

At the request of the Committee, M Young will work on the criteria for an annual youth volunteer award for the Town of Pictou. A suggestion was made for a guest speaker. The Line Dancing Group had already contacted the Recreation Department, offering to perform at the Pictou Volunteer Ceremony.

M Young will send out an email to see who is available to be involved on the sub-committee for the planning of the Town’s Volunteer Reception. S McNamara and L Heighton are available to help with cleanup after the event.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fitness Trail Project

M Young presented a photo of the fitness trail with mapping, which links portions of the trail. The main trail needs some clearing and signage. Signage work will start in April. M Young will contact Committee members to see who is available to help with a trail cleanup in early spring. Date to be determined.

b. Go Clean Get Green

The Community Cleanup is April 24 & 25. M Young is a member of the County planning committee. There is a website for the event, and they are trying to encourage more involvement from:

- i. Communities organizing a community event
- ii. Businesses

Pictou is the only town in the County that does a community organized event.

c. **Broidy Park Planning**

A drawing of the 2008 plan for Broidy Park was distributed for information purposes: a proposed future design plan. It was agreed that at the next meeting a date be set to do an onsite tour of the park to collect ideas for future work.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

Summer Job Postings will be posted on the Town website for Day Camp Leaders, Recreation Intern, Green Job and Park Maintenance.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO