

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee meeting convened 6:30 pm at the CN Station on the above date. Michelle Young presiding.

PRESENT: DM Nadine LeBlanc, Councillors Melinda MacKenzie and Shawn McNamara; Member Leah Heighton

ALSO PRESENT: Carrie-Lynn Souza, Potential Member
Kiera Souza, Potential Member
Chelssie Moland, Potential Member – by phone
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Committee Members Luke MacDonald and Jane Young

1. CALL TO ORDER

M Young called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED

PRP-02-23-21-2527

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed – the correct spelling of Souza was noted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

M Young commented on several positive emails that have been received on the “Stay-at-Home Stay Active” page on the Town website; emails suggesting other useful activity links were also received.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Veterans Drive Playground Design

M Young distributed the first draft design at the last meeting; some feedback was received from committee members. The design firm is currently making the suggested changes which should be available mid March.

Priority for the year is suggested to be:

- 1) Slide feature
- 2) New swings (examples discussed)
- 3) All other playground features will be phased in

b. Committee Members

M Young reported that Leah Heighton is officially a committee member. Orientation packages will be given to the other potential members within the next couple of weeks. M Young will

take a briefing note to Council for Committee member approval for: Carrie-Lynn Souza, Kiera Souza, Chris Sereda and Chelssie Moland.

c. **Winter Carnival Recap**

The Winter Carnival was a huge success with all activities filled to permitted health restrictions; great feedback has been received.

d. **Volunteer of the Year**

The deadline to submit the Town Volunteer of the Year is March 1. C Moland, S McNamara, L Heighton, C Souza and M Young will hold a Zoom meeting at 12 noon on Friday to choose the Town Volunteer of the Year.

The Town annually holds a reception at the deCoste Centre during Volunteer Week. M Young will investigate what is possible this year. It was suggested to host a Tea at the Heritage Quay Bed and Breakfast for the nominees of the Town Volunteer Award.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Facility Tour**

Annually committee members conduct a facility tour where ideas to improve spaces are shared. A tour could be organized for April when the temperatures are warmer.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

S McNamara reported that the Pictou Lobster Carnival is still going ahead with plans for 2021 depending on directives from the provincial government. Minglewood is booked for Friday night. A total of 473 meals were sold at the Ham & Salad Takeout fundraiser.

On February 26, from 1-3pm there will be a Recreation Try-It Day with winter equipment including cross-country skis, snowshoes and crampons.

It was suggested to host a monthly “Try It” session covering different sports or activities such as skateboarding and baseball.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the CN Station

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Nicole MacDonald
Acting CAO