

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, Councillor Melinda MacKenzie and Member Chris Sereda, Leah Heighton, Jane Young

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Young, Minute Recorder

REGRETS: Councillor Shawn McNamara; Chair Chelssie Moland; Committee Member Luke MacDonald and Jo-Anne McNamara

1. CALL TO ORDER

M Young called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. A review of meeting procedures was provided.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented with additions under New Business:
Garbage Cans and Horse Riding on Town Streets

CARRIED

PRP-05-27-21-2569

3. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the April 29, 2021 meeting were reviewed with no errors or omissions. Members commented that minutes should be reviewed prior to the meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. New Members

Len Thomas, a member of the New Horizons Club has expressed interested in becoming a member of the Committee. Contact was made with Pictou Academy regarding new student members. Other ideas suggested: to contact PA in the fall and check with the Student Council President on potential members.

b. Legion Sign

The Committee would like to explore opportunities using digital signs, potential locations and costs. Contact will be made with the Legion on their sign.

c. Eco Blocks

Eco blocks are made from plastic soda bottles with “one use” plastics collected inside of them. Eco blocks can be used for making various useful objects such as a bench. Councillor Melinda MacKenzie has been working on environmental projects such as eco blocks. A location for a collection container for the Town of Pictou will be determined. The entrance of the library was suggested with signage.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. ONGOING DISCUSSION

a. Splash Park

C Moland was in touch with the Splash Pad Society. They are ready to further advance their fundraising activities and are wondering on timelines of the Skate Park Project. M Young provided a general review of grant application processes.

b. Skate Park Update

The “Healthy Communities Fund” grant application was not approved; another application will be re-submitted in June for the same program (second round). There has been ongoing fundraising including multiple raffle draws. A suggestion was made to put up a “Thermometer” sign so the public can see fundraising progress.

c. Veterans Drive Playground

M Young reported that the final design concept was received. There was an onsite meeting with a playground consultant on space requirements. Quotes are requested for the swing feature including surfacing and accessibility. Priority will be the installation of a swing feature this year.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Try-It Sessions

Try-It Sessions are put on hold until the gathering restrictions are lifted with the pandemic.

b. Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee (PRPC) Policy Review

Members present provided input on the policy and suggested changes. These included:

- The importance of commitment and meeting attendance; investment in being an active member of the Committee
- Include a hyper link in the policy to the ICSP and MGA as they are both referred to
- Under Term of Office – add “committee members will review information and minutes in advance of the meeting”.

a. Garbage Cans

Item was moved to the “parking lot” for next meeting.

b. Horse Riding on Public Streets

Calls were received from residents on horse droppings on streets. Town staff are aware and are following up.

8. INFORMATION SHARING

June is “Recreation and Parks” month. Staff are working on ideas for the month of June to promote active living. Examples are: a video series on the equipment loan program, guided hike, paddling demo, and Amazing Race. Everyone was encouraged to send ideas to M Young.

M MacKenzie mentioned the ParticipACTION App and incentive for the Pictou County community.

For the month of June there will be a “Step into Summer Walking Challenge” with prizes for different categories.

9. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm by Zoom.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

APPROVED

James J. Ryan
Mayor

Kyle Slaunwhite
CAO