



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	Recreation Committee Meeting	
Meeting Location:	Braeside RA Centre	
Date / Time:	Nov 2, 2016	7:00pm – 9:10pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Geoff Patterson	

1. Purpose

Regular Rec Committee meeting

2. Attendance

Name	Present	Name	Present
Ryan Marcellus	y	Matt Arseneau	y
Jason Marshall	y	Geoff Patterson	y
John Robertson	y		
Teresa Bahm	y		
Darcy Wall	Y		

3. Agenda

No.	Subject	Responsible
1	Call to Order/Welcome/Attendance	GP/JM
2	Adoption of Agenda	GP/JM
3	Declaration of pecuniary interest	JM
4	Delegations –Wendo Blondeau	
5	adopt previous minutes/ review memo	JM
6	Follow up business from minutes	All
7	Correspondence-volunteer forms	All
8	Visioning Exercise RA Centre discussion/ Beach follow up from delegation	All
9	New/Other business – ie update events/Market/Truesport/Trails	All
10	Next meeting/Adjournment	All

4. Action Items:

No	Actions, Decisions and Important Issues	Responsible	Status	Closure Date
1	The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Rec Chair Marshall and all members were noted present by Rec Director Patterson.	JM	Open	
2.	Committee member Darcy Wall moved that the agenda be adopted and Committee member Matthew Arseneau seconded. CARRIED.	JM	closed	16/11/7
3	The Chair invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	JM	closed	16/11/7
4.	Committee heard from Wendo Blondeau as a delegation this evening and she addressed the group on the state of Braeside Beach. Ms. Blondeau explained her background as a Braesider and spoke of her consistent use of the Braeside Beach over the years. She noted that the use of the Braeside Beach has continued to increase as improvements have been done there and she expects participation at the Beach area to continue to rise as each year she sees positive developments done to the area. She hopes that it will be modeled somewhat after the Burnstown Beach, eventually becoming a major attraction. Before the use of that area becomes overwhelming, she wishes to have some control measures in place based on her experience swimming there with a large population of dogs present off leash. Other concerns expressed by the delegation included ATV's on the Beach as a safety issue. Ms. Blondeau offered a solution to the challenges stating that maybe no dogs be allowed at Braeside Beach and turning Red Pine Bay into a designated Dog park because she didn't feel people would travel from Braeside to the Claybank Park area to utilize an asset such as a proposed dog park there.	JM	open	
5	A memo was read regarding content from the October meeting, then, Recreation Director Patterson circulated recreation Committee meeting minutes from May 4 which were approved, moved by Committee member Teresa Bahm, seconded by committee member Darcy Wall. Carried.	JM	closed	16/11/7
6	<p>Business arising from memo highlighting content of past meeting was discussed with members weighing in on the proposed idea of re-establishing parking fees at the Burnstown Beach brought up by Councillor Mark Mackenzie October 5th. Committee members Bahm and Wall gave their reviews of the groups' discussion that night when this concept was brought fourth. There were both positive and negative comments about the idea of charging again at the Beach but the group generally felt that the current system was working fairly efficiently and that further changes may create logistical challenges with enforcement etc. The group did concur that McNab/Braeside taxpayers should get value and not be burdened with extra charges if they were to be visiting the Beach.</p> <p>The group wished to talk immediately about the delegation's presentation about the status of Braeside Beach. She said currently there are dogs loose on the Beach and that this concept needed tightening up before there became a safety issue to which the Rec Committee agreed wholeheartedly. Several options were discussed as to how to remedy this situation on Braeside Beach. Moved by Rec Committee Chair Jason Marshall seconded by Committee member John Robertson that Council impose an on leash dog policy with zero tolerance at the Beach portion of Braeside Beach and support this initiative with adequate signage.</p> <p>It was discussed that an off leash portion of the Beach could be established at the end of the Beach where dog owners could allow their dogs to go off the leashes and fetch sticks in the water etc but it is important that these 2 distinct areas must be clearly identified by appropriate signage which can be covered under existing budget parameters.</p>	GP	closed	16/11/7
7	Correspondence circulated amongst the members was an official Township declaration of volunteerism which would cover a Committee member in a volunteer scenario with proper insurance coverage while performing volunteer duties for the Township.	GP	open	16/11/7

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8	<p>Committee looked at new design specs for a proposed new Braeside RA Centre at this month's visioning exercise as a follow up which was timely as we were actually holding the meeting at this location. Our newest member Teresa Bahm had not visited the RA Centre in years and understood the need to consider replacing the structure. In a previous consultation with members of the Rec Committee, some initial details of this proposed new facility were released and the group was comfortable with developments. Today, the group looked at diagrams and cost breakdowns provided by Mr. Patterson and the focus of discussion moved towards the size of the new proposed facility. Group discussion varied as to whether the extra expenditure for additional space at the new RA Centre was justified and the idea of putting more resources toward a central Rec space was once again brought forward. One thought was that maybe the smaller option should be considered and the extra financial resources could be put toward the Braeside Beach as it will be a significant future attraction in the Township. Committee also spoke of the option of Connecting Red Pine Bay with the Braeside Beach which will be a project requiring major financial resources but must be a future priority consideration as well. Mr. Patterson explained that there will be an open Town Hall style meeting on November 30th which will help explain some of the considerations involved with the design process of the new RA Centre and advised that if Committee members have an opening in their schedules on that evening, they should make an effort to attend as it will help clarify any inquiries the group may have with the process.</p> <p>A future fall music oriented event was also discussed initiated by Chair Marshall and it was felt it could perhaps be held at Claybank Park and include local music, rough camping and a concert filled weekend type of scenario. The group felt that it was indeed something worth looking into further.</p>	JM	open	
9	<p>Other business brought up included event updates by Director Patterson on the upcoming Tartan Tuff Trek. He updated the group on the McNab/Braeside Holiday Market which took place recently. Teresa Bahm spoke of the Fall fest event held at White Lake on October 28 which was an all-day event with a community Halloween theme. Ms. Bahm said attendance was steady but felt the event was too spread out and stated that we would have to tighten up the itinerary to make it a more effective event next year as it lasted too long from about 9:30 am till well after supper.</p>	GP JM TB	Open	
	<p>Committee heard from Geoff and Darcy about the status of the Trails group and a recent on site examination of Perneel property connectivity to the Alexander Stewart Nature Reserve and McNab Public School. Initial groundwork was performed by the Trails group but more time in the field is needed to help clarify options available at these sites.</p> <p>The Rec Director provided the group with the Renfrew County Trails Strategy guide as forwarded earlier by Mayor Peckett. He also gave a verbal update of what was happening at the County led meetings associated with the development of the new County Trail which will be named the Algonquin Trail (already changed from original Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail). The Committee was quite interested in hearing about this 300km of trail and how it will be managed and Mr. Patterson answered their inquiries to the best of his knowledge at this time but he explained that many facets of this project are at preliminary stages and the County is really just at an early information gathering stage, now that the sale of the CP corridor is finalized.</p>	GP	open	
	<p>The group wished to determine a location for the next meeting at a later date pending availability of the Council Chambers. Perneel Building will be a consideration for the venue as well as they felt a brainstorming session of what programming may take place in a central rec facility should be developed during our visioning portion of the next meeting. The Rec Director said he would assemble the group's prior notes on this topic and bring them along to the meeting so we can update our original wish list with respect to facilities.</p>	JM	open	
10	<p>Committee member Darcy Wall moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm and Committee member Teresa Bahm seconded. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2016 at 7pm. <i>No further action necessary.</i></p>	JM	Closed	16/11/7

