



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	Recreation Committee Meeting	
Meeting Location:	M/B Council Chambers	
Date / Time:	May 3, 2017	7:05pm – 9:05pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Geoff Patterson	

1. Purpose

Regular Rec Committee meeting

2. Attendance

Name	Present	Name	Present
Matthew Arseneau	Y		
Jason Marshall (Chair)	regret	Geoff Patterson (staff)	y
John Robertson	y		
Teresa Bahm	y		
Darcy Wall	y		

3. Agenda

No.	Subject	Responsible
1	Call to Order/Welcome/Attendance	GP
2	Adoption of Agenda	GP
3	Declaration of pecuniary interest	GP
4	Delegations –nil	
5	adopt previous minutes from APRIL	GP
6	Follow up business from minutes	All
7	Correspondence-Directors facility and event update/Renfrew overview of participation numbers	GP
8	<i>Visioning Exercise-</i>	All
9	HERBFEST/Trails Committee updates	All
10	New/Other business – MAD R paddle/Relay update/yoga	All
11	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 7:05pm by Rec Director Patterson and attendance was taken.	GP	Open	
2.	Committee Member Darcy Wall moved that the agenda be adopted and Committee member John Robertson seconded. CARRIED.	GP	closed	17/5/3
3	The Director invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	GP	closed	17/5/3
4.	Committee heard no delegations this evening.			
5	Recreation Director Patterson circulated Recreation Committee meeting minutes from April which were approved, moved by Committee member Teresa Bahm, seconded by committee Darcy Wall. Carried.	GP	closed	17/5/3
6	Business arising from past minutes included Committee hearing from Committee member, Teresa Bahm, who was thanked by the Rec Director for her leadership during the recent April 22 Community Clean-up. The Rec Committee felt that results of the day were quite impressive but would have liked to be able to compare the 1.01 metric ton figure to past years but before we only measured the bulk in garbage bags filled. This new figure will be an ideal way of measuring size of the events environmental impact for many years moving forward. When asked about what they felt, both members in attendance were confident that there were many more people participating and therefore, more garbage was collected. It was noted that some people didn't fit into the specific time frame of the event, but still participated. A suggestion made that moving forward, prizes could be given out to participants through a draw of some sort to attract more people back at the end of the day with their garbage and recyclables. The Rec Director stated that numbers were up from a year ago as the event drew over 50 participants and over 100 bags of garbage were collected along with recyclables and debris. Teresa also noted participants appreciated the barbecue at noon and that element of the day should continue to be offered as a bit of a reward for all the volunteers' hard work.	GP	closed	17/5/3
7	Correspondence included the Director's email update on programs/facilities and special events. He highlighted that prepping fields was challenging with weather conditions and ball and soccer groups are anxious to get on the fields with bookings filling up quickly. Archery continues with the last session ending in the month of May, and for minor ball, numbers of registrations were up significantly which could pose a budgeting challenge. No questions arose as a result of the Director's report but the group wished to digest the <i>participant numbers forwarded by Renfrew Recreation and weigh in on their interpretation of those numbers next month.</i>	GP	open	17/5/3

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8	<p>Committee, once again, focused on what future special events and programs could be held at the new Perneel area during this month's visioning exercise. Chair Marshall, who sent his regrets, wished that we discuss potential Perneel programming ideas and that was focus of a brainstorming session. Feasible options at the new Perneel Hall could include the following the group felt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hall/Wall of Fame type concept -community gardens -archery -indoor horseshoes -badminton -hunting courses -birthday/reunion gatherings -officials clinics -Quilting groups -Paint nights -cooking classes -seniors tai chi -ball hockey -pickleball -sports-related banquets - general meeting rentals -boating courses -family functions - 4H Clubs etc <p>Adaptability and versatility will be the key for this venue to host a variety of events. The group felt a moveable partition or barrier could be utilized to perhaps allow a couple of different functions at once</p>	GP	open	
9	<p>The Herbfest Committee minutes were recently completed and yet to be distributed by Rec Director Patterson and he promised to send them out to Committee in the near future. A couple priorities of discussion were led by John Robertson and Teresa Bahm as to where we stood with getting information out to vendors. With a count of approximately 15 groups already paid and committed to Herbfest, Mr. Patterson explained that he felt we are quite a bit further ahead than we were last year at this time. Another priority was to get the website operational in the very near future as well to help generate awareness and interest. Both Darcy and Teresa had some specific areas of pursuit they would follow up with that they felt should be a part of the Herbfest itinerary.</p> <p>Trails Committee, the Director explained was to again meet again near the end of May. With the wet weather, the group has not been able to get out on site to the trails as they wished but Darcy Wall explained the next steps he proposes which will help move the linkable trails between Alex Stewart, Perneel and MP School along accordingly. In basic design, and after Mr. Wall's research, it was noted that several loops of trails with upwards of 5-7km of useable area would be a feasible target for the group to shoot for.</p>	GP	Open	
10	<p>Director Patterson updated the group on the potential partnerships between a couple of groups that would allow continued programming this summer at Burnstown Beach. He explained that Melaine Burndt has come forward once more to offer, free yoga classes at the Beach on Sunday mornings in August, much like she did last summer. Ms. Burndt is a certified, insured instructor and takes optional donations from her class which begins at 6:45 am on Sundays at the Beach. It is of note, that she is travelling throughout most of July and cannot offer the classes during July. Committee felt it would be a good idea for her to reach out to a fellow instructor to see if she could get the July Sundays covered as well.</p> <p>Another established partnership that goes back 5 years is the Paddle event partnership between the Township and the Bonnechere River Watershed Project. They've proposed to have the paddle slightly later in the year on August 26 and offer a simpler itinerary and a less arduous course. After discussion, Committee felt that wholehearted support should be offered to both these initiatives. The paddle event has traditionally attracted 35-50 registered paddlers but had to be cancelled last summer due to a severe thunderstorm and possible micro-bursts which were occurring on the Madawaska River the day the event was scheduled.</p> <p>Moved by John Robertson, seconded by Matthew Areseneau that Council support re-establishment of partnership between Melanie Burndt for yoga and the Bonnechere River Watershed Project for paddling for the purposes of executing special events at Burnstown Beach during the month of August, 2017. Carried</p>	GP	open	

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10b	<p>Rec Director Patterson updated the group on McNab/Braeside Market which is due to begin on May 20th, explaining that their group has expanded somewhat again, is looking forward to being operational once more and has been offered a reduced price to participate in Herbfest this year.</p> <p>Mr. Patterson distributed updated 150 Relay posters and sign-up sheets and provided a brief review of where the project stood to the best of his knowledge. The group had several questions about logistics of the day and the Director answered the inquiries with the latest information that he had been privy to. The Committee had an enthusiastic response to many of the elements of the event.</p>	GP	open	
11	<p>Committee member Teresa Bahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm and Darcy Wall seconded. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2017 in the Perneel Building at 7pm. <i>No further action necessary.</i></p>	GP	Closed	17/5/3