



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Recreation Committee Meeting	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Perneel	
<b>Date / Time:</b>	June 7, 2017	7:05pm – 8:45pm
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Geoff Patterson	

### 1. Purpose

Regular Rec Committee meeting

### 2. Attendance

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

### 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 MAY	GP
6	Follow up business from minutes	All
7	Correspondence-Directors facility and event update/Renfrew overview of participation numbers	GP
8	<b>Visioning Exercise-</b> Activities etc	All
9	HERBFEST/Trails Committee updates	All
10	New/Other business – Peacepole/Relay update/beach concession	All
11	Next meeting/adjournment	All

4. Action Items:

No	Actions, Decisions and Important Issues	Respon sibl e	Status	Closure Date
1	The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chair Marshall and attendance was taken by the Rec Director	GP JM	Open	
2.	Committee Member Teresa Bahm moved that the agenda be adopted and Committee member Matt Arseneau seconded. CARRIED.	JM	closed	17/6/7
3	The Chair invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	GP	closed	17/6/7
4.	Committee heard no delegations this evening.			
5	Recreation Director Patterson circulated Recreation Committee meeting minutes from May which were approved, moved by Committee member Teresa Bahm, seconded by chair Marshall. Carried.	GP JM	closed	17/6/7
6	No Business arising from past minutes...	JM	closed	17/6/7
7	<p>Correspondence included the Director's email update on programs/facilities highlighting a very busy season which is well underway. Field prep was still a priority with daily ball and soccer field bookings almost totally at 100% full for season. Final archery program session held at RA Centre with positive feedback received. Some delays getting Parkland fully operational due to storm clean-up but Rec areas expected to be fully operational shortly. Numbers up in horseshoes at Wellington, EOSSA tourney at Dochart successful and special event preparation progressing nicely. No questions arose as a result of the Director's status report.</p> <p>The group had the opportunity to digest the participant numbers forwarded by Renfrew Recreation and weighed in on their interpretation of those numbers. It was felt we were on the right track with our visioning exercises emphasizing programs like culinary-oriented workshops, parkour-style events and gymnastics-related programs. It was also noted that our Township had the lowest percentage of the users of all Renfrew's neighbouring Townships. (12% of all their out-of-town users were from M/B)</p>	GP	open	17/6/7
8	<p>Committee focused on a request by Skiability group for the use of the Rowing Club area at Burnstown Beach for the purposes of holding an event on August 13. The Committee had dealt with this request before and have a long relationship with this charitable group that provides opportunities for special populations to enjoy a day of water skiing and other water-based activities. <b>Moved by Jason Marshall, seconded by Teresa Bahm that Council allow the Skiability group to use the Rowing Club portion of Burnstown Beach at no charge for the purposes of executing a special event on August 13. Carried.</b></p> <p>ANOTHER special event that the group considered was a proposal for a cycling event by long-time volunteer Andy Kalnins. <b>Moved by Matt Arseneau, seconded by Jason Marshall that Council approve a partnership between the Recreation Department and Andy Kalnins and Tim Lewis for the purposes of executing an Eco Cycle tour on the McNab/Braeside Recreational trail during the summer/fall months. Carried.</b></p> <p>Programs were again discussed which could be held at the new Perneel area during this month's <i>visioning exercise</i>. Chair Marshall, added ideas to a list supplied by Ms Belton, the township's Rec programmer. This list generated a lot of positive response and discussion. The group felt that it would be reasonable to establish a target of 2 new recreational programs to be in place by the Fall as something Ms. Belton could look for to establish and develop during the summer months. Other ideas that could be feasible options the group felt were establishing specialized 1 day workshops in some of the fields that were mentioned as potential growth opportunities</p>	GP	open	

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9	<p>The Herbfest Committee progress was outlined by Rec Director Patterson Ms Bahm and he promised to send Herbfest minutes out to Committee in the near future. They noted vendor participation was up and things were quite a bit further ahead than we were last year at this time.</p> <p>Trails Committee, the Director explained was to meet again in the near future on site to coordinate some development at the Alex Stewart Park and adjacent Perneel and McNab School areas. He also noted that Darcy Wall has put together a group of volunteers he will be leading which will help move the linkable trails between Alex Stewart, Perneel and MP School along accordingly. Mr. Wall's group are planning on getting to work toward the end of June/early July.</p> <p>Chair Marshall and Director Patterson updated the group on their latest knowledge regarding the Township 150 Relay and commented that planning seemed well in hand.</p>	GP	Open	
10	<p>The Rec Director elaborated on benefits to establishing a partnership with business man Gordon MacDowell in order to operate the Beach canteen at Burnstown on behalf of the Township for the summer of 2017. Committee members were quite familiar with Mr. MacDowell's background and were quite comfortable with the potential services he may be able to provide to Beach patrons. Committee reviewed a potential contract and guidelines that the contractor would be asked to meet and the revenue generated by this proposal to the Township would be \$1000 for the season. <b>Moved by Matthew Arsenau, seconded by Jason Marshall that Council approve establishment of a contract between the Township and Gordon MacDowell for the purposes of operating the Beach canteen at Burnstown for the summer of 2017 providing a proper contract is signed and secured as reviewed by the CAO. Carried</b></p> <p>Jason Marshall proposed recognition of a participant from McNab/Braeside that recently competed in the Ladies World Fastball Championships in New Zealand. The Chair felt Council could recognize her achievements prior to a council meeting by receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Mayor. Committee fully supported this initiative and the Rec Director volunteered to help Chair Marshall establish proper logistics in order to execute this brief ceremony.</p> <p>Mr Patterson spoke of a Womens Institute group wishing to donate a "peacepole" to the Waba Cottage Museum grounds and Committee discussion was positive regarding such a donation and felt that the logistics of how, where and when could be handled by the Department.</p> <p>Mr. Arsenau added that if an initiative should come up from the Renfrew County District Health Unit regarding education and awareness of tick-related health challenges, that we should try to share that initiative with Township residents and make sure Parks staff are extremely aware of the dangers of this situation.</p> <p>Chair Marshall and Committee member Teresa Bahm noted some rambunctious activity near the White Lake Dam by local residents and asked that we keep an eye on any damage that may be occurring at that area to the parkland there. They also wondered if we could get word to Community policing about an increased presence in White Lake. <i>The Rec Director will follow up with the proper channels about this concern.</i></p>	GP	open	
10 b	<p>Chair Marshall brought a point up to the group that he felt a 2 month break should be considered for the Committee this summer as in the past we have never been able to make quorum anyway when we held our summer meetings. The hectic nature of the summer schedule combined with various holiday schedules makes it virtually impossible to come up with a feasible date. He noted, that if policy permitted that we could take the extra meeting off, all members would be on stand-by to congregate during the summer should a major decision arise that demands committee attention. The group agreed unanimously and the <i>Rec Director said he would follow up with the CAO regarding any precedent that may make this initiative something the group was able to consider.</i></p>	GP	open	

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11	Committee member Teresa Bahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm and Jason Marshall seconded. All were in favor. The schedule for timing of next meeting will be on a TBA basis. Chair and/or Rec Director will provide notice on when next meeting is needed.	GP	Closed	17/6/7