



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	Recreation Committee Meeting	
Meeting Location:	M/B Council Chambers	
Date / Time:	Sept 6, 2017	7:05pm – 9:05pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Geoff Patterson	

1. Purpose

Regular Rec Committee meeting

2. Attendance

Name	Present	Name	Present
Matthew Arseneau	regret		
Jason Marshall	y	Geoff Patterson	y
John Robertson	regret		
Teresa Bahm	y		
Darcy Wall	y		

3. Agenda

No.	Subject	Responsible
1	Call to Order/Welcome/Attendance	JM/GP
2	Adoption of Agenda	JM
3	Declaration of pecuniary interest	JM
4	Delegations -nil	
5	adopt previous minutes from June	JM
6	Follow up business from minutes	All
7	Correspondence- Lifeguards/Beach storage	GP
8	<i>Visioning Exercise re future activities</i>	All
9	HERBFEST	All
10	New/Other business – consultant sessions re Strat Plan	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 Chair Marshall and attendance was taken by Rec Director Patterson.	JM GP	Open	
2.	Committee member Teresa Bahm moved that the agenda be adopted and Committee Chair Jason Marshall seconded. CARRIED.	JM	closed	17/9/6
3	The Chair invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	JM	closed	17/9/6
4.	Committee heard from no delegations			
5	Recreation Director Patterson circulated Recreation Committee meeting minutes from June which were approved, moved by Committee member Teresa Bahm, seconded by committee Chair Jason Marshall. Carried.	JM	closed	17/9/6
6	Business arising from past minutes included Chair Marshall inquiring about how the pilot project went at the Beach with respect to contracting the canteen out privately. Ms Bahm and the Rec Director concluded that they both had fairly positive feedback from Mr. MacDowell, the on-site contractor. Also, the status or rental sales at the Beach site came up to which the Rec Director replied that they became stronger as people found out about the service, but with the atrocious weather, we weren't really sure how strong the sales would be in a "normal" year. <i>Chair Marshall wished to follow up at a future meeting of Council to help explain the "wall of Fame" concept which could potentially honor Township residents at one of the new buildings.</i>	GP JM	closed	17/9/6
7	Correspondence included an earlier letter to the Mayor as to whether lifeguards should be employed at Burnstown Beach during the summer months and whether or not Council would consider re-instating charges to cars at the Beach. The group agreed that this new direction would be somewhat contradicting to existing policy and charging for each use may deter people from utilizing the Beach...The group felt that the lifeguard issue may be worth pursuing but it was too early to make a judgement on that issue and would like a monetary value on the additional costs of hiring a lifeguard prior to the group having to report on this. <i>The Director stated he could have approximate costs on the rate of pay for lifeguards prior to the next Committee meeting.</i>	GP	open	17/9/6
8	Committee focused on what future special events could look like held in the Township of McNab Braeside during this month's visioning exercise . The group brainstormed many different venues and activities and agreed that the highest profile event should continue to be Herbfest as it has positive momentum. In terms of activities, the group concurs much of the focus should be on water-related activities during special events much like the positive buzz around the 150 relay that was displayed this summer. The feeling was that Riverfest in Braeside should be continued in some form at least but with respect to Scottish Festival, it may depend on the health of the volunteer base, which is responsible for executing the event. The group felt historical significance should be incorporated into special events as per past practice. Areas that could potentially host bigger events were thought to be Clay bank Park (if infrastructure was added) and Red Pine Bay as their proximity to major waterways is a key factor. It may be more feasible to host ½ day events and build them instead of trying to host an entire "festival". Paddling, photography and dock diving dogs were some options discussed that could prove to be potential themes for developing new ideas and events.	JM	open	
9	The Herbfest event was briefly discussed by Rec Director Patterson and Herbfest Committee member Teresa Bahm, after a meeting was held in August for the purposes of reviewing the event. Darcy and Jay inquired as to how the group received feedback from participants and provided their own feedback on the Herbfest event. Most viewed the increase in attendance up to 900 as a very positive development. Like any event, the Committee felt it had strengths and weaknesses but all thought it had amazing potential for the future and agreed that it should continue to be the marquee event for the Township in 2018. Casual recommendations for 2018 included a less structured chef competition, more of a demonstration, added horticultural elements, and pushing eco-friendly, green-oriented initiatives	GP	Open	

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10	<p>Chair Marshall and Director Patterson updated the group on upcoming events in the Township. Mr. Marshall spoke of the dog gone Music fundraiser in White Lake Park October 17 and the Director highlighted new proposed programming such as a ball hockey tournament September 30 at White Lake and an after school program potentially for McNab Public School, both of which were initiated by Rec programmer, Karla Blemkie. He also spoke of cycling events on the M/B Rec Trail on Sept 16 and 23, the Rowing Regatta at Burnstown Beach on September 17 and a concert at Waba Cottage Museum on September 16.</p> <p>It is of note White Lake Fallfest is scheduled for October 28th as well.</p>	GP	open	
10b	<p>Rec Director Patterson informed the group that the McNab/Braeside Market season was drawing to a close but explained that their group wished to host a second annual Christmas Market and that the tentative date selected was October 28th in the Perneel Building.</p> <p>The group examined dates to discuss the Recreational Strategic plan during the month of September as well and were waiting to hear from the Director as to when a confirmation of these sessions could be expected and subsequently scheduled.</p>	JM	closed	
11	<p>Committee member Teresa Bahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm and Committee Chair Darcy Wall seconded. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2017 at 7pm in Braeside. <i>No further action necessary.</i></p>	JM	Closed	17/9/6