



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Recreation Committee Meeting	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Twp Council Chambers	
<b>Date / Time:</b>	Feb 1, 2018	7:07pm – 8:40pm
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Geoff Patterson	

### 1. Purpose

Regular Rec Committee meeting

### 2. Attendance

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

### 3. Agenda

No.	Subject	Responsible
1	Call to Order/Welcome/Attendance	JM
2	Adoption of Agenda	JM
3	Declaration of pecuniary interest	JM
4	Delegations – Karla re: Programming	KB
5	adopt previous minutes from Nov mtg	JM
6	Follow up business from minutes	All
7	Correspondence- /Director’s status briefing/Darcy Wall	GP
8	Discussion re event partnership	All
9	<b><i>Visioning Exercise – longer term event planning</i></b>	All
10	New/Other business –	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 member Scott Buffam seconded. CARRIED.	JM	closed	18/2/1
3	The Chair invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	JM	closed	18/2/1
4.	Committee heard Rec Programmer Karla Blemkie as a delegation during this evening's meeting. She presented flyers on upcoming events to the entire group and spoke briefly on each event in a chronological order. She then spoke of potential events that were listed as tentative pending confirmation of more logistical arrangements such as Line dancing, a March break program, music-in -the-park and stroller fitness. After these items were discussed, there were several options discussed of longer term programming that are in the "wish to have" stage and the group provided input on several ideas including gymnastics, cooking/baking, "Acrodance", bingo, swimming and cycling.	JM		
5	Recreation Director Patterson circulated Recreation Committee meeting minutes from November which were approved, moved by Committee Chair Jason Marshall, seconded by Committee member Teresa Bahm. Carried.	JM	closed	18/2/1
6	No significant business arose from past minutes this evening but the group inquired about the reaction to the change in rental fees for diamonds at MCP, which was passed at the last meeting and subsequently endorsed by Council. The Director explained that there was no adverse reaction to the increase in fees so far and that tournament time was almost fully booked between private groups and the additional requirement of our Department hosting the Bantam Provincial fastball tournament during the Canada Day weekend. Mr. Patterson explained that there are already 10 weekends spoken for during the upcoming summer at MCP for tournaments, which is an unprecedented demand at this point of the year.	JM	closed	18/2/1
7	<p>No questions arose from correspondence circulated by the Rec Director pre-meeting regarding status report on facilities/programs/events etc as a quick overview of that document was presented by the Director. Most of the highlights were covered by the Programmer's presentation earlier as delegation. The CAO was in attendance and provided the group with some additional insights as to construction progress on new buildings in the Township at the request of the Recreation Director.</p> <p>The group also agreed that it would accept the resignation from the Rec Committee of long time member Darcy Wall who was having challenges balancing his many commitments, both professionally and in the community after work. Mr. Wall expressed in a message that he wished to step aside from Rec Committee duties and re-visit the possibility of re-joining the group in the fall.</p> <p><b>Moved by Scott Buffam, seconded by Jason Marshall that Council accept the resignation from the Rec Committee by member Darcy Wall due to time commitment challenges but the option be kept open for Mr. Wall to re-join Committee at a later date if his schedule is more forgiving in the future. Carried.</b></p>	GP	open	18/2/1

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8	<p>Committee had an opportunity to review proposals from groups that previously had established partnerships with the Recreation Department to support/assist with implementation and execution of special events.</p> <p>The Bonnechere River Watershed project has been partnering for the past 7 years with the Department and co-organizing a family paddle on the Madawaska River based out of our Burnstown Beach facility. The group aims to continue this relationship and the event is planned for August 26 for 2018.</p> <p>Brian Gunn has organized a Father's Day Car Show for the past several years and proceeds have gone to Prostate Cancer. In 2017, he relocated the event to Red Pine Bay and partnered with the Township as we provided resources for his event, which was quite successful, despite it being a rainy day. Mr. Gunn is proposing to hold a similar event at that location on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 and is hoping to have Township support once more.</p> <p><b>Moved by Teresa Bahm, seconded by Scott Buffam that Council approve continued partnerships with Bonnechere River Watershed Project and Mr. Brian Gunn in order to support 2018 events on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Burnstown Beach and June 16<sup>th</sup> at Red Pine Bay respectively, and further the Recreation Department support these projects with appropriate, available Township resources. Carried.</b></p>	JM	open	
9	<p>The visioning portion of the meeting tonight was focused upon special events future. The Director spoke of the association being developed with the County linking the special event Herbfest to the Taste of the Valley series, which was a truly positive development. The Renfrew County Economic Development Department also felt that there may be some funding available to help enhance the June 16 event at Red Pine Bay if there was a portion that were to focus on the Ottawa River. The Director will provide more detail on this as further confirmations are worked out. Discussion included thoughts on Herbfest led by Chair Marshall and Member Teresa Bahm, who also sits on Herbfest Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Patterson also noted that the Celtic/Scottish Festival organizers approached him about re-jigging a mini-event this year at Red Pine Bay, which would feature Celtic singing and dancing. The proposed time of year would be just before Canada Day and it was felt it would put high demands on staffing as much of the infrastructure would already be set up in preparation for Canada Day. The group agreed to invite Mackie MacLaren to the next Recreation Committee in order to explain their concept/request further.</p>	GP	Open	
10	<p>Member Teresa Bahm felt it was time to establish meeting times for both the Rec Committee as well as the Herbfest Organizing Committee. Rec Director Patterson updated the group that a key member of the Herbfest group would not be available until after February 2018, so March dates for upcoming proposed meetings would be most feasible. March 8 was determined to be a feasible possibility for the Herbfest meeting.</p>	GP	open	
10 b	<p>Committee member John Robertson was wondering if timing was appropriate to investigate the possibility of security cameras at various facilities. He led some discussion regarding some various options with respect to facility surveillance. The group felt that the first step could be to get some pricing on miscellaneous packages.</p>	JM	open	
11	<p>Committee member Teresa Bahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm and Committee member Scott Buffam seconded. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2018 at 7pm in Chambers. <i>No further action necessary.</i></p>	JM	Closed	18/2/1