



MINUTES

Public Recreation & Culture Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lori Hoddinott (Chair), Darrell Carson (Vice Chair), Matt Arseneau, Andris Kalnins, Marc Landry, Teresa Bahm, Karin Haelssig

STAFF PRESENT: Andrea Lamontagne, Recreation Director, Recording Secretary

MEDIA PRESENT: Nil.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Peoples.

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Dated April 10, 2024

The following addition was made to this evening's Agenda:

Add 11.8 - Ag Society 2024 Festival

RECOMMENDATION-8-2024

Moved by Andris Kalnins, seconded by Marc Landry

THAT the Agenda dated April 10, 2024 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

4. Delegations and Presentations

Nil.

5. Adoption of Committee Minutes

5.1 Dated January 25, 2024

RECOMMENDATION-9-2024

Moved by Karin Haelssig, seconded by Darrell Carson

THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2024 Public Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting be adopted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

6. Matters Arising From Previous Meeting Minutes

Nil.

7. Requests Submitted by Members of the Public

Nil

8. Reports

Nil.

9. Information Items

9.1 ParticipACTION Grant

RECOMMENDATION-10-2024

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Karin Haelssig

THAT the Public Recreation & Culture Committee accept the ParticipACTION Grant Report as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

9.2 Winter Carnival Update 2024

The committee inquired what the total donation amount raised for the Polar Plunge was and how the funds are distributed. The Recreation Director will confirm both at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION-11-2024

Moved by Andris Kalnins, seconded by Karin Haelssig

THAT the Public Recreation & Culture Committee accept the Winter Carnival Update 2024 as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

9.3 Clay Bank Nature Park for Outdoor Learning - Bee Hive Relocation Update

RECOMMENDATION-12-2024

Moved by Matt Arseneau, seconded by Marc Landry

THAT the Public Recreation & Culture Committee accept the Clay Bank Nature Park for Outdoor Learning - Bee Hive Relocation Update Report as information a submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

9.4 April Programs & Events Calendar

RECOMMENDATION-13-2024

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Karin Haelssig

THAT the Public Recreation & Culture Committee accept the April Programs & Events Calendar Report as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

9.5 Memorial Bench / Tree Program

RECOMMENDATION-14-2024

Moved by Andris Kalnins, seconded by Teresa Bahm

THAT the Committee accept the Memorial Bench / Tree Program Report as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 HerbFest 2024 Update

The Recreation Director updated the Committee on a new Junior Entrepreneur Vendor Program.

RECOMMENDATION-15-2024

Moved by Matt Arseneau, seconded by Marc Landry

THAT the Committee accept the HerbFest 2024 Update as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

10.2 Parking at Burnstown Beach - Addition to Survey

RECOMMENDATION-16-2024

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Andris Kalnins

Staff was requested to add this question to the Recreation Master Plan survey.

CARRIED.

11. New Business

11.1 Men's Shed - Request to Waive Facility Rental Fee - May 11, 2024

RECOMMENDATION-17-2024

Moved by Matt Arseneau, seconded by Karin Haelssig

That the Men's Shed Request to waive the facility rental fee be denied. The Men's Shed no longer operates under a not-for-profit umbrella and therefore waiving the rental fee is not permitted under the Municipal Act, Section 106 and 107.

CARRIED.

Update forms for Gift In Kind/fee waived requests to reflect that this is only applicable to not-for-profit groups.

11.2 Halloween Accessibility Event

RECOMMENDATION-18-2024

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Teresa Bahm

THAT the Committee accept the Halloween Accessibility Event Report as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

11.3 White Lake Winter Carnival - Proposed Date Change

RECOMMENDATION-19-2024

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Marc Landry

The Committee agreed to changing the date of the White Lake Winter Carnival for 2025 as proposed.

CARRIED.

11.4 Concerts in the Park 2024

RECOMMENDATION-20-2024

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Marc Landry

THAT the Committee accept the Concerts in the Park 2024 Report as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

11.5 Winter Plowing - Clay Bank Park

The Public Works Supervisor was present to speak to this topic.

RECOMMENDATION-21-2024

Moved by Karin Haelssig, seconded by Matt Arseneau

THAT the Committee accept the Winter Plowing - Clay Bank Park Report as information as submitted and circulated; **AND FURTHER THAT** the Committee recommends that Council direct staff to return to plowing only the upper entry parking lot to the park unless access to the lower parking lot and loop is needed.

CARRIED.

Signage is to be added:

- 1) to indicate that in winter this is an unmaintained road and that use is at the individuals own risk.
- 2) increase the amount of 'clean up after your dog' signs.

11.6 Winter Plowing - Waba Cottage Museum & Gardens

Correction - the reference to White Lake Rd. on the attachment is incorrect, this should read Burnstown Rd.

The Public Works Supervisor was present to speak to this topic.

RECOMMENDATION-22-2024

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Matt Arseneau

THAT the Committee accept the Winter Plowing - Waba Cottage Museum & Gardens Report as information as submitted and circulated; **AND FURTHER THAT** the Committee recommends that Council direct staff to plow the entry road from Burnstown Rd. to the boat launch and the upper parking lot and suspend plowing the lower parking lot unless needed.

CARRIED.

11.7 Bi-Centennial Ad Hoc Committee

The Committee supports the Terms of Reference and Mandate but deferred moving ahead with Bi-Centennial fundraising merchandise to the Bi-Centennial Committee, when formed, to vote on.

RECOMMENDATION-23-2024

Moved by Karin Haelssig, seconded by Andris Kalnins

THAT the Public Recreation & Culture Committee accept the Bi-Centennial Ad Hoc Committee Report as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

11.8 Ag Society 2024 Festival

RECOMMENDATION-24-2024

Moved by Andris Kalnins, seconded by Matt Arseneau

THE Public Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that the Ag Society present this request as a delegation to Council.

CARRIED.

11.9

12. Draft By-Laws

Nil.

13. Public Questions

Nil.

14. Committee Questions

14.1 K. Haelssig inquired as to the time line for the Recreation Master Plan Survey.

The target is to bring the survey to the Committee at the May meeting to review prior to sharing with Council later that month, and then making public in June. The Committee agreed to move the May meeting back one week if needed to accommodate the draft completion of the survey.

15. Notice of Upcoming Meeting Dates

May 1, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

16. Adjournment

This Public Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MEETING CHAIR