

Minutes - RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: April 24, 2008
LOCATION: BVCC
PREPARED BY: JODY HODGKINSON,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
RECREATION

A. Call to Order

- Chair John Metras called the meeting to order with the following in attendance; Shawn Everitt, Bob Gamble, Terry Green, Cam Kennedy, Jay Kivell, Alan Chesworth, Wayne Holly, Ryan Gibbons, Suzanne Ferri and Jody Hodgkinson.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: Alan Chesworth

THAT the Agenda of April 24, 2008 be approved as circulated and amended, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None at this time
- Previous Minutes

Moved by: Cam Kennedy Seconded by: Alan Chesworth

THAT the Minutes of March 13, 2007 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made, Carried.

At this point Bill Abbotts attended the meeting.

B. Deputations / Presentations

None.

C. Staff Reports

DOR 08 13 – Pavilion Rental Rate Comparisons – That Council receive Staff Report DOR 08 13 Pavilion Rental Rate Comparisons for information purposes. Carried,

Moved By: Jay Kivell Seconded By: Wayne Holly

DOR 08 14 – Renaming of Department – That the Recreation Committee receive Staff Report DOR 08 14 and that no action be taken on the recommendation. Carried,

Moved By: Jay Kivell Seconded By: Alan Chesworth

There was a lot of discussion on renaming the department and Bob Gamble brought it up that perhaps senior citizens might feel left out by this new name. Cam Kennedy and Alan Chesworth were in concurrence with this.

Chair Metras asked that Shawn Everitt give some back ground about the Youth Coalition. Shawn went on to talk about the Youth coalition session that he attended at the Meaford High School. Basically the age group is between 12 – 18 years of age and they feel that there are unstructured activities and no place for them to go. The Youth Advisor Program will help develop a strategy with the Youth. It is important to have a Youth friendly community.

There was more discussion on the department name change and it was felt by the committee that it should be left the way it is.

D. Correspondence

N/A

E. New and Unfinished Business

1. Depot Update and Progress Report SE & SF

A verbal update with reference to Suzanne’s report was given to the committee on the progress at the depot. It was noted by Shawn that in order to process grant applications for the depot that Council has to appoint an Advisory Committee that would answer to the Recreation Committee. The current Depot Task force would need to be dissolved.

Suzanne updated the committee on progress at the Depot and invited any members of the committee to come by and see. The committee then discussed holding the next recreation meeting at the Depot.

2. Facility Supervisor/Operator Appointment – Shawn advised the committee on the appointment of Aaron McMullen to this position. Aaron’s 12 years of experience were noted and what a good job he did last year at Tomahawk.

3. Parks Use By-law – there was some discussion on the Parks Use By-law and all the updates.

THAT Council enact a By-law to provide for the management, control, regulations, maintenance and usage of all parklands, trails, open space properties and other public facilities owned and or leased by the Town of The Blue Mountains, Carried

Moved By: Jay Kivell Seconded By: Cam Kennedy

4. Parks and Trails Master Plan – Shawn apologized to the committee that the plan was not available for the meeting but promised that copies would be delivered to the members next week.

5. New Sound System at BVCC – Shawn advised the Committee that the new sound system has been ordered and would be installed June 1st. This was donated by the Independent Order of Oddfellows. It is likely a sign will be put up noting the Oddfellows have made this donation and a photo opportunity will be done with the Recreation Committee and representatives from the Oddfellows.

6. Tomahawk Graphics – Shawn updated the committee on the soccer fields and the opening of the golf course and also the storage building for Tomahawk.

As Ryan Gibbons was in attendance he updated the committee on harbour details, such as seasonal moorings and numbers on the waiting list.

Terry Green was in attendance so he updated the committee on his department as well, indicating that he has most of his summer staff hired. His staff did a spring clean up in the cemetery for the first time this year. Shawn mentioned that Terry's staff had done a great job with this clean up.

Jay Kivell informed the committee of the new legislation, Bill 64 for Pesticide Use. Stating that by 2009 pesticides will no longer be used. Golf courses and agricultural are exempt.

F. Next Meeting Date

Thursday May 29, 2008 4:00 pm – Craigleith Heritage Depot

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Jay Kivell Seconded by: Cam Kennedy

THAT this meeting do now adjourn, Carried.