

Minutes - RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: APRIL 26, 2007
LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PREPARED BY: JODY HODGKINSON,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

A. Call to Order

- Chair John Metras called the meeting to order with the following members in attendance; Bob Gamble, Cam Kennedy, Wayne Holly, Donna Atkinson, Jay Kivel, Alan Chesworth, Ryan Gibbons, Terry Green and Jody Hodgkinson.
- Approval of Agenda
Moved by: Alan Chesworth Seconded by: Cam Kennedy
THAT the Agenda of April 26, 2007 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: Jay Kivell Seconded by: Bob Gamble
THAT the Minutes of March 8, 2007 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations

As Terry Green, Parks and Trails Manager was present the committee heard his verbal report on Spring Clean Up and other Trails matters. Terry commended his staff for the work they are doing and things appear to be on schedule, they will however be extremely busy from now until the end of summer. Terry also informed the committee that Parks and Trails are now responsible for the cemetery as well.

Cam Kennedy informed the committee that the BIA is purchasing bikes that will be available for use around Town. This will be done in the near future and will hopefully be available for use during the time that the Skins game is scheduled.

Next Ryan Gibbons was in attendance and he presented a letter he received from Dave Hockley requesting permission to locate a pop vending machine at the Harbour.

After a lengthy discussion on locations and other issues regarding the placement of a vending machine at the Harbour the Committee then passed the following resolution.

Moved By: Cam Kennedy Seconded By: Bob Gamble

THAT the written request from Dave Hockley for placement of a pop vending machine at Thornbury Harbour be referred to Town Council for consideration, Carried.

Ryan then discussed other issues with the committee such as the Dock Replacement which is scheduled for May 18/07, painting being done in the washrooms and "Water on the Docks"

Donna Atkinson inquired as to the how the sales of slips were going for the summer and numbers on the waiting list.

Ryan indicated that the Harbour is very full and that the numbers on the waiting list were down to around 60.

The next item up for discussion was the Town's recent purchase of the "Tomahawk" property. Chair Metras advised the committee that this deal will be closing on April 27th, 2007.

At this point in the meeting Shawn Everitt attended. Shawn updated the Committee on other details regarding Tomahawk and explained that his next step is to form a committee for a visioning task force for this property.

Cam Kennedy indicated that he would be willing to volunteer to sit on this Task Force.

Next Reg Russwurm was in attendance to discuss the Riverwalk Trail and Fish Ladder Viewing Platforms and the structural integrity of the pumphouse structure. Reg informed the committee that the River Trail and Viewing Platform cannot be opened until it is decided how to deal with the unsafe pumphouse structure.

Reg indicated that basically there are three options, tear it down, repair, or take it down to the footprint.

Cam indicated that during his meetings with the BIA they are quite adamant about retaining the structure from a historical viewpoint.

Donna agreed and felt strongly that the structure or at least the footprint should be retained.

There was some discussion as to ownership of the lands where the structure is located. Shawn indicated to the committee that he should be able to have a report back to them by the June meeting.

C. Staff Reports

None

D. Correspondence

Shawn updated the committee on the Heathcote Hall informing them that a business plan will be forthcoming from the Hall Committee.

The next item up for discussion was the Beaver Valley Pre-School Request for fee reduction for the BVCC.

The Committee then passed the following resolution.

Moved By: Bob Gamble Seconded By: Cam Kennedy

That the Beaver Valley PreSchool be allowed to use available halls at the Beaver Valley Community Centre from Tuesday July 3rd to Friday August 31st, 2007 at a rate of \$36.36 per day with the understanding that some days the halls may be booked by other individuals and they are willing to take field trips on those days, Carried.

Shawn then discussed the details of the Dog Parkers and proposed dog park locations. Shawn continues to work with them and would like to seem them involved in the visioning process for Tomahawk.

Chair Metras then inquired if any members had inquiries about any items.

Donna asked for updates on the meeting with the First Nations, Delphi Point Property and Beaver Valley Fall Fair.

Wayne Holly had some Trails issues that he brought forward regarding the Highway #26 Georgian Trail By-Pass, maintenance of lands behind the Tourist Information building and the Bayview/Bay Street Bike Path.

E. New and Unfinished Business

None.

F. Next Meeting Date

May 17, 2007 4:00 pm Council Chambers

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Donna Atkinson Seconded by: Jay Kivell

THAT this meeting do now adjourn, Carried.