

**Minutes - RECREATION COMMITTEE**



**MEETING DATE:** September 25, 2008  
**LOCATION:** Town of The Blue Mountains  
Committee Room  
**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, Ryan Gibbons, Aaron McMullen, and Jody Hodgkinson. As a quorum was not achieved being 3 members of the public and 1 Councillor, the members present agreed to proceed in an advisory role to Council.
- Those members present then dealt with the following Recommendation:  
  
**Moved by: Cam Kennedy      Seconded by: Bob Gamble**  
  
THAT the Agenda of September 25, 2008 be approved as circulated and amended, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.
- No member present declared a potential pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda.
- The committee wished to defer adopting the minutes of August 28, 2008 until the next meeting.

**B. Deputations / Presentations**

None.

**C. Staff Reports**

1. **DOR 08 49 – Recreation User Fees Review** - THAT Council approve Staff Report DOR 08 49 “Recreation User Fees Review” and approve fees as presented.

**Moved By: Jay Kivell      Seconded By: Cam Kennedy**



being put down on the site. The Yacht Club would be responsible for erection of a suitable privacy fence and access.

Councillor Gamble indicated that he had concerns with people moving cradles etc. in and out of the area and possibly hitting the washroom building. It was noted perhaps there should be a follow-up report noting costs and who would be responsible for moving cradles/boats.

It was also noted that perhaps we should have permission from the Federal Government before proceeding as well.

Councillor Kennedy indicated that perhaps the committee should have a site plan presented at the next meeting.

Jay Kivell inquired as to why the Town should be incurring any costs at all for this project.

The next discussion was concerning a letter received from the Thornbury Rotary Club regarding the Heathcote Land Acquisition. Basically the Rotary Club is proposing that this park be named after long time resident George South.

The members had a lengthy discussion concerning naming of parks and dedicated parkland. Shawn Everitt indicated to the members that we should be implementing a "Park Naming Policy". He went on to say how important it is to have some sort of criteria to follow.

Councillor Kennedy noted that he prefers to see historical names whenever possible.

Those members present then dealt with the following Recommendation:

THAT Council receive the request from the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club and propose that research be done into the implementation of a "Park Naming Policy" for the Town.

**Moved By:                      Bob Gamble                      Seconded By: Cam Kennedy**

It was noted that Jay Kivell and Shawn Everitt will meet to discuss this proposed policy and a report will be brought back for the next meeting.

As Ryan Gibbons was in attendance he presented to the members his findings on funding for harbours. He discovered that funding primarily came from the "Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation" and also "FedNor" (FedNor is a federal regional development organization in Ontario that works with a variety of partners, as both a facilitator and catalyst, to help create an environment in which communities can thrive, businesses can grow and people can prosper.)

Ryan explained that this funding is not available to our municipality as we are not a Northern Ontario Community.

As Aaron McMullen was in attendance he updated the members on Tomahawk Recreation Complex. He advised that the Tournament for Cancer is going ahead for September 27, 2008 with those involved golfing first and then proceeding to Bridges Restaurant.

Soccer games are pretty much completed for the year.

Chair John Metras noted that he took his granddaughter for one day to the Golf lessons and was extremely impressed with it. Aaron credited a lot of success to Megan Chapman, noting she did a great job. Shawn indicated that because of the Golf school for juniors we received a great deal of inquiries regarding a golf school for seniors/adults. This is something that will be looked at for next year. Shawn also indicated that the funding from Communities in Action helped to pay for the golfer's handbook and clubs.

As Terry Green was in attendance he updated the members on Parks and Trails issues. Terry noted that the tenders for his building have been pushed back to October 6, 2008 this was based on discussions/recommendations with David Finbow, Director of Building and By-law.

Shawn Everitt presented correspondence from Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals concerning eliminating the use of pesticides in cemeteries.

Those members present then dealt with the following recommendation:

That Council support the classification of cemeteries as a special category/use and permit cemeteries to use pesticides provided they implement IPM programs.

**Moved By: Cam Kennedy      Seconded By: Bob Gamble**

Shawn gave a verbal report and updated the members on a report which will be forthcoming on sustainable use of snowmobile trails. This prompted a great deal of discussion on the use of unopened road allowances with motorized vehicles. The members recommended that Shawn Everitt, Jim McCannell and John Metras meet to further investigate this matter.

## **E. New and Unfinished Business**

Councillor Gamble indicated that a motion was passed at the last council meeting to once again review the possibility of a dog park and re-examine the costs and locations.

## **F. Next Meeting Date**

Thursday October 23, 2008 – Beaver Valley Community Centre

## **G. Adjournment**

**Moved by: Cam Kennedy      Seconded by: Jay Kivell**

THAT this meeting do now adjourn.