

Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 14, 2021
Time: 7:30 am
Location: Zoom

Members Present Mayor Bent
Councillor Tilley
Councillor Moores
Councillor Connors
Councillor Hillier

Staff Present John Whelan
Natasha Hann

1. Facilities

1.1 Overflow Parking for the Community Park

The Director discussed the overflow parking for the Community Park with the Committee. It was explained that the current status of this item, is that if the Committee agrees to move forward with the lease agreement for the additional parking, this item will be actioned. The Committee concurred to proceed with signing the agreement and adding more parking options for residents who will be utilizing the Park. The Committee requested the Director continue to research other potential parking options as well.

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved the lease agreement for the overflow parking be accepted as presented.

2. Events & Programs

2.1 Kelligrews Soiree 2022

The Program Supervisor informed the Committee that in preparation for the 2022 Kelligrews Soiree, staff will be advertising for members of this years Kelligrews Soiree Committee early in the new year. The Committee was notified that staff would like to factor in any input that Council has in the way of their ideas and wishes for this year's festival, so that these may be brought to the Soiree Committee for further development.

It was agreed that the Program Supervisor would send along the schedule of events from past Kelligrews Soiree's, to Council to assist with their input for the upcoming festival. The same was asked for the Winterfest events, that a calendar of events from previous Winterfest be sent along to Council for input for going forward. It was also requested that any new ideas from staff be sent along as well for both festivals.

The Committee also concurred that staff should begin sourcing musical entertainment for the Kelligrews Soiree Garden Party.

The Committee also discussed 2022 and Come Home Year. During this discussion they concurred that during the Soiree, there should be an event to celebrate the Provinces Come Home Year, for residents to take part in, locally.

During this discussion on the Soiree, it was decided that Councillor Moores will sit on both the Soiree and Winterfest Committees, as the Council representative.

2.2 Sports Awards Ceremony

The Program Supervisor informed the Committee that the Annual Sports Awards are scheduled to be awarded on February 24, 2022. The Committee was asked whether it is their wish to see a virtual presentation, or an in-person ceremony for the 2021 awards. They concurred that an in-person would be best, as well as livestreaming the event via the Town's YouTube channel, for anyone who is unable to attend in-person.

Discussion took place regarding, adding additional awards, such as Executive of the Year, and Team of the Year, to the Ceremony. The

Committee concurred that the addition of these two awards, should take place.

3. Additional Items

3.1 Recreation Complex - Swim Lessons

The Committee had a discussion regarding the current status of the Swimming Pool operations.

Currently the recommended guidelines from the Red Cross are being followed, as it relates to COVID-19.

The Committee requested the Director to look into the following possibilities;

opening up for birthday parties with increased fees to address increased cost, i.e. additional staffing. Furthermore, the Committee asked to allow the observation room to be reopened to allow viewing of the pool. The Director mentioned that additional staffing would be required in order to complete VaxPass requirement and control persons entering this space.

4. Important Dates

6.1 Important Dates

The Program Supervisor provided the Committee with an overview of the upcoming Important Dates, as listed below:

Important Dates

- December 15 & 16 – Seniors Socials
- December 31 - New Years Eve Skate and Fireworks
- January 3 – Call for Kelligrews Soiree Committee Volunteers
- January 3 – Call for Nominations – Sports Awards and Sports Hall of Fame
- January 12 – Walking for Wellness Starts
- February 12-February 20 – Winterfest
- February 24 – Sports Awards Ceremony

- March 16 & 17 – St. Patrick’s Day Socials (tentative)
- April 21 – Volunteer of Year/Citizen of the Year Awards

The Committee was also informed that these important dates would be added to Councils calendars.

8. Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Report

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that the recommendations/decisions made at the Recreation and Leisure Services Committee meeting of November 30, 2021 be accepted as presented.

- Overflow parking for the Community Park
- Kelligrews Soiree 2022
- Sports Awards Ceremony

Councillor Moores, Chair

John Whelan, Acting Director of
Recreation and Leisure Services