

Conception Bay South

Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 02
Date: January 25, 2022
Time: 7:40 am - 8:30 am
Location: Zoom

Members Present Councillor Tilley
Councillor Moores
Councillor Connors
Councillor Hillier

Staff Present John Whelan
Natasha Hann
Carla Hodder

1. Facilities

1.1 Outdoor Skating Rinks

The Acting Director discussed the concept of an outdoor ice rink with the Committee. Staff have been researching these rinks in other municipalities in an effort to gather as much information as possible, including costs, maintenance, and logistics.

Depending on the final size of the rink, the current capacity of the rink would be 25% of regular capacity, due to COVID-19 guidelines. The Committee requested that when developing a plan for a rink to consider the largest size possible.

Maintenance of an outdoor rink can be labor intensive. Other surrounding municipalities have enlisted the help of volunteers to maintain the rinks. The option of having Town staff maintain the rink is also a consideration.

Operational requirements / details such as hockey only / skating only times, as well as regular maintenance and supervision while the rink is being used by residents will also need to be considered.

Councillor Tilley entered the meeting at 7:46 a.m.

The Committee requested that the Acting Director look at incorporating an outdoor rink as part of Winterfest 2022, if the decision is made to move forward with a rink.

2. Events & Programs

2.1 Theatre CBS - Arts Festival

Program Supervisor Hodder discussed with the Committee a proposed event, in partnership with Theatre CBS.

Staff have met with representatives of Theatre CBS to discuss an event proposal for an Arts Festival. This would be an event for the community, that would include all forms of art, from musicians, to visual artists, to dancers, and more.

Representatives from the local arts community would develop several days of events, ranging from musical to dance performances and more.

The festival could potentially run in late summer early fall, in various venues around Conception Bay South. Theatre CBS is looking for the Town's help in organizing the festival, and facilitating the various events. This event has the potential to be an annual, or bi-annual festival, depending on its popularity, that celebrates different local artists / artisans each year.

There is also the potential for the Town to apply for funding under the Come Home Year Grant program, to launch the inaugural year of the festival. This would also provide the Town the opportunity to become involved in the provincial Come Home Year celebration.

The Committee supported the idea, but requested staff meet with the group to develop a detailed budget for the event to present to Committee, prior to making a decision.

Councillor Tilley left the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

2.2 CBS Sign - Light Walk

Program Supervisor Hodder discussed with the Committee the location of an addition to the Conception Bay South Light Walk. The feature is a sign, made of the letters CBS. A photo was attached for the information of the Committee.

The Committee concurred to add the sign to the Light Walk, and place in a safe location, in collaboration with Manuels River. It was agreed that the sign would be placed in the area around the lower entrance of the Light Walk.

2.3 Kelligrews Soiree - Planning Objectives

Program Supervisor Hodder discussed with the Committee planning for the 2022 Kelligrews Soiree.

The first Kelligrews Soiree Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022 at 5:30 pm over ZOOM. Prior to this meeting, staff will email Council for any feedback or input on planning for this years Soiree.

2.4 Kelligrews Soiree - Musical Entertainment

Program Supervisor Hodder discussed potential musical entertainment for the 2022 Kelligrews Soiree.

Following the direction of the Committee, staff have reached out to a promoter regarding musical talent for the 2022 Kelligrews Soiree. This promoter has been the promoter of the musical entertainment for 2019 and 2020.

Following this discussion, staff were informed by the Promoter that prior to COVID-19, musical acts for the 2020 Kelligrews Soiree were being recruited in late 2019. At this time, 2 bands were secured to play the 2020 Soiree.

Following the cancellation of the 2020 Soiree, it was discussed with the bands that the booking would not be cancelled, rather postponed until the Soiree could go forward again. While not yet confirmed, it is anticipated that the costs will not change from those years.

There are also plans to include a local band as part of the concert line-up.

The Committee discussed potential local entertainment that could be included. They requested that staff look into this possibility, and develop a revised budget for entertainment, for further consideration of the Committee.

3. Liaison Committees

Nil

4. Building Maintenance

Nil

5. Important Dates

5.1 Important Dates

- January 26 - Walking for Wellness #2
- February 2 - Walking for Wellness #3
- February 2 - Kelligrews Soiree Meeting #1
- February 9 - Walking or Wellness #4
- February 12-20 – Winterfest
- February 16 - Walking for Wellness #5 - campfire
- February 23 - Walking for Wellness #6 (pm) - campfire
- February 24 – Sports Awards Ceremony
- March 16 & 17 – St. Patrick’s Day Socials (tentative)
- April 18-22 - Easter Day Camp
- April 21 – Volunteer of Year/Citizen of the Year Awards

6. Additional Items

6.1. Holy Spirit High School - Partnership

Chairperson Moores requested an update on this partnership. The Acting Director indicated that a meeting with school staff is scheduled for later this week.

6.2. Recreation and Cultural Master Plan – Update

Councillor Connors requested an update on the Recreation and Cultural Master Plan. The Acting Director indicated that final comments are currently being collected from the final stakeholder groups. Once this information has been integrated, a final report will be presented to Council.

7. Potential Problems/Concerns

7.1 Light Walk - Manuels River

The Acting Director brought forward problems experienced at the Light Walk of some lights not staying lit. Staff believe there are several factors that could be playing a part in this. Mitigative measures have been implemented, including the replacement of exterior GFI's, and maintenance to broken light strings.

Staff will continue to monitor the lights and make any repairs as necessary.

8. Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Report

Be it so resolved that the recommendations / decisions made at the Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting of January 25, 2022 be accepted as presented.

- Outdoor Skating Rinks
- Theatre CBS - Arts Festival
- CBS Sign - Light Walk
- Kelligrews Soiree - Planning Objectives
- Kelligrews Soiree - Musical Entertainment

- Important Dates - Walking for Wellness #2, Walking for Wellness #3, Kelligrews Soiree Committee Meeting #1, Walking for Wellness #4, Winterfest, Walking for Wellness #5 - campfire, Walking for Wellness #6 - campfire, Sports Awards Ceremony, St. Patrick's Day Socials (tentative), Easter Day Camp, Volunteer / Citizen of the Year Awards
- Holy Spirit High School - Partnership
- Recreation and Cultural Master Plan - Update
- Potential Problems and Concerns - Light Walk Manuels River

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Councillor Moores, Chair

John Whelan, Acting Director of
Recreation and Leisure Services