

Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 04
Date: February 22, 2022
Time: 7:36 am - 8:41 am
Location: Zoom

Members Present Deputy Mayor Gosse
Councillor Tilley
Councillor Moores
Councillor Connors
Councillor Hillier
Councillor Hardy

Staff Present John Whelan, Acting Director of Recreation & Leisure Services
Natasha Hann, Program Supervisor
Carla Hodder, Program Supervisor

1. Facilities

Nil

Councillor Hardy entered the meeting at 7:37 a.m.

2. Events & Programs

2.a Paddle Boards - Ocean Quest

The Acting Director updated the Committee on this potential partnership. Following further discussion with Ocean Quest, Town staff informed that insurance and liabilities for a program such as this were beyond the capacity of the Town at this time.

Ocean Quest will develop a package, outlining their organization and facilitation of this program, and any potential support they would require from the Town. This information will be shared with Committee once available.

2.b Sports Awards Ceremony - Date Change

Program Supervisor Hodder informed the Committee that due to time restrictions on the necessary logistics for the event, it is required to move the date. The new date of March 4, 2022 was suggested to the Committee.

The Committee asked if this date could be pushed further back to accommodate the wider re-opening and loosening of COVID-19 restrictions after March 14, 2022. This way, the event could follow, as closely as possible, the format of previous years, and allow all those involved with the award process to attend.

The Committee requested that that staff look into reorganizing the event to follow the reopening guidelines of March 14, 2022, to follow a similar format to previous years. They asked for staff to report on cost and capacities once confirmed through email.

3. Liaison Committees

Nil

4. Building Maintenance

Nil

5. Important Dates

5.a Important Dates

- February 23 - Walking for Wellness #6 (pm) - campfire
- March 4 – 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

Councillor Tilley and Councillor Hardy left the meeting at 8:01 a.m.

6. Additional Items

6.a Age Friendly Report

Chairperson Moores requested an update on the Recreation and Cultural Master Plan. The Acting Director informed the Committee that the Master Plan was in its final stages, and will be incorporating the Age Friendly report for the Town. Once the report has been reviewed by Council, its findings will be incorporated into the Recreation and Cultural Master Plan.

The Committee concurred for this report to be sent electronically for review, for inclusion in the Master Plan.

6.b Outdoor Ice Rink

The Acting Director provided an update for the Committee on the Outdoor Ice Rink. During a recent significant weather event, the membrane tarps were dislodged by strong winds, and as a result, the rink suffered significant damages. The forecasted temperatures and weather will not provide the necessary conditions for the ice surface to be operational.

As a result, and based on the cost of reinstating the rink, the Committee concurred to discontinue further maintenance of the rink for this year. The Acting Director will research the cost of a replacement membrane for use next season.

6.c Federal Funding Announcement

The Acting Director brought to the Committees attention a federal funding announcement that would be taking place at the Recreation Complex on Thursday, February 24, 2022. This announcement is for funding received previously by the Inclusivity Squash Program.

The Acting Director will request information from the organization, in order to extend an invitation to members of Council for the announcement.

6.d Active NL Grant - Admirals Academy

Chairperson Moores discussed with the Committee a request from Admirals Academy regarding the Active NL Grant. They are looking for the Town to partner with them on their proposed project, in the way of providing in-kind support, and installation of equipment.

The Committee concurred to support the school on their grant application.

7. Potential Problems/Concerns

Nil

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 February 22, 2022 be accepted as presented.

- Paddle Boards - Ocean Quest
- Sports Awards Ceremony - Date Change
- Important Dates - Walking for Wellness #6 - campfire, Sports Awards Ceremony, St. Patrick's Day Socials (tentative), Easter Day Camp, Volunteer / Citizen of the Year Awards
- Age Friendly Report
- Outdoor Ice Rink
- Federal Funding Announcement
- Active NL Grant – Admirals Academy

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Councillor Moores, Chair

John Whelan, Acting Director of
Recreation and Leisure Services