

Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 06
Date: March 29, 2022
Time: 7:31 am - 8:27 am
Location: Zoom

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

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

1. Facilities

1.a Beach Volleyball Program

The Town has received a request to assist with supporting a beach volleyball program to promote the sport and help develop a team for the upcoming Summer Games.

The Acting Director followed up on a request from a resident for a Beach Volleyball Program. They were looking to have a program that would run from July to September, and would include a league focused on ages 9-18 (grade 4-12) split into different age groups. The program would also have an adult league/program (19+). The adult program would simply be a

league/game nights. The group is open to charging a registration fee in turn for the courts being maintained. Courts would need to be tilled once per day in preparation for programs.

The Acting Director noted that the Town does not currently have summer students available to assist with this program.

Councillor Tilley joined the meeting at 7:44 am.

The Committee concurred that they would like to see more programs such as this offered in Conception Bay South, and would like to research a way to have the program take place. They requested the Department speak with other municipalities with similar programs, and look at a potential model to offer this program, and report back.

1.b PSP Armed Forces Program

The Acting Director discussed this program with the Committee, and what a potential partnership would look like. This would be a special membership arrangement for Military community members living in and around the Conception Bay South area to access recreation facilities. Under this arrangement, the Canadian Forces will pay the Town of Conception Bay South an annual fee of \$3,000 per year for military community members to access the Recreation Complex for swimming sessions, aquatics fitness classes and the squash courts, the Robert French Memorial Stadium for skating sessions and the Conception Bay South Arena for skating sessions and the walking track. It is understood that this will not include access to special programs/swimming lessons/party rentals etc.

The Committee concurred to proceed with this partnership.

2. Events & Programs

2.a Adaptive Equipment Rental Program

The Acting Director discussed this rental program with the Committee. There is a similar program with the City of St. John's that rents out adaptive equipment for facility users. The program would rent hippocamp

wheelchairs, which cost between \$5000 and \$8000. The Acting Director also noted that there are potential funding opportunities to cover the cost of the equipment.

Councillor Hillier noted that Manuels River also has a similar piece of equipment that they rent to trail users. The Committee requested that the Acting Director speak with Manuels River about their equipment loan program for further information, and report back.

2.b Shield Hockey Tournament

The Acting Director provided an update for the Committee on the Shield Hockey Tournaments. In working with the Manager of Stadium Operations and Events, staff are speaking with the schools involved to schedule a tournament format and schedule that works for all involved.

Councillor Hardy left the meeting at 8:00 am.

Mayor Bent left the meeting at 8:04 am.

2.c Recreation and Cultural Master Plan - Update

The Acting Director provided an update for the Committee on the Recreation and Cultural Master Plan. Once the final draft has been reviewed, the final version will be prepared for release. It is anticipated that the completed report will be available to the public by the end of May.

3. Liaison Committees

Nil

4. Building Maintenance

Nil

5. Important Dates

- April 1 - Deadline for nominations for Citizen / Youth Volunteer of the Year
- April 2-3 - SCNL 2022 Provincials (CBSA)
- April 8-10 - U-15 AAA Provincial Hockey Tournament
- April 18-22 - Easter Day Camp
- April 18-20 - U-18 I Division Provincial Hockey Tournament (CBSA)
- April 21-23 - U-11 A Division Provincial Hockey Tournament (CBSA)
- April 28 – Volunteer of Year/Citizen of the Year Awards
- April 30 - NLCA Cheerleading Competition (CBSA)
- May 2-12 - Frank Roberts Jr High Hockey Tournament
- May 4 - Walking for Wellness Spring Set start
- May 10 - Ball Hockey Registration
- May 12 - Seniors Spring Fling
- May 19 - Summer Day Camp Registration
- June 4 - 3 Hour Challenge
- June 7 - Youth Ball Hockey starts
- June 16 - Seniors Bus Outing #1
- June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 27 - Summer Day Camp starts
- July 1 - Canada Day
- July 9-16 - Kelligrews Soiree

6. Additional Items

6.a Pollinator Gardens

Councillor Connors brought forward the idea of pollinator gardens in Conception Bay South. These are gardens, placed on vacant land areas, that provide pollen sources for bees and other pollinators. He brought forward the idea of developing spaces along Peacekeepers Way, such as the Foxtrap Access Road ramps.

The Acting Director will speak with other department Directors about this idea, and research logistics further.

6.b. Multiculturalism Event

Councillor Hillier brought forward the idea of a multicultural event for the Town. The Acting Director will look at incorporating this idea into the Kelligrews Soiree.

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 March 29, 2022 be accepted as presented.

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- PSP Armed Forces Program
- Adaptive Equipment Rental Program
- Shield Hockey Tournament
- Recreation and Cultural Master Plan
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Councillor Moores, Chair

John Whelan, Acting Director of
Recreation and Leisure Services