

Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 07
Date: April 12, 2022
Time: 7:38 am - 9:28 am
Location: Zoom

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

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

1. Facilities

1.a Worsley Park Donation - Music NL

The Acting Director presented a request from Music NL for the donation of Worsley Park for a night to host their Music Town Hall. This would be an event to speak with the local chapter of Music NL, as well as invite the Mayor to speak to the group.

The Committee concurred to grant this request for Music NL for this one time donation.

Discussion also took place surrounding the Town's donation policy, and how requests such as this fall under this policy.

1.b Canadian Inclusivity Squash Program - User Fees

The Committee reviewed a request from the Canadian Inclusivity Squash Program regarding user fees.

A lengthy discussion regarding this request took place, and included factors such as court availability, associated registration costs, and comparison to other sports in the community.

Councillor Hardy left the meeting at 8:03 am.

The Committee concurred to have the Director meet with the organization to gather further information, discuss future funding opportunities, as well as meet with other municipalities on their current practices.

2. Events & Programs

2.a Sports Awards Banquet - Future Planning

Program Supervisor Hodder discussed the most recent Sports Awards Ceremony with the Committee, and recommended potential changes and modifications for future events. Changes included exploring more sponsorship opportunities for the awards, as well as restructuring the award categories.

The Committee concurred to proceed with pursuing more sponsorship opportunities for this event in the future, and to maintain the current award structure.

2.b Battle of the Atlantic Service

The Acting Director discussed with the Committee a request, on behalf of the Legion, for assistance with the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony at the Monument of Honour. Support would include the use of a sound system and other logistics during the event.

The Committee concurred to proceed with this support, as in past years.

3. Liaison Committees

Nil

4. Building Maintenance

Nil

5. Important Dates

- 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 25 – 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 Beach Volleyball Program

Following the most recent Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting, staff have researched potential costs and format for a beach volleyball program.

A program such as this could be run on a break-even basis, but would also carry maintenance costs for the court and equipment.

The Committee concurred to meet with the interested resident for further discussion, as well as gather information from the Town of Clarendville on their beach volleyball program before making a decision.

6.b Adaptive Equipment Rental Program

Following the most recent Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting, staff have spoken with Manuels River regarding their equipment loan program. Their equipment is an adult sized hippocampe wheelchair that can be rented, free of charge. It is rented on a daily basis, and enjoyed by those that use it.

Staff will continue to speak with Manuels River about the potential partnership and expansion of this program, with assistance from the Town.

Councillor Tilley left the meeting at 8:56 am.

6.c Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Minutes

The Committee discussed the current format of minutes for Committee Meetings, and requested that the Director meet with other staff to ensure consistency across departments.

6.d Shield Hockey Tournaments

Councillor Connors requested an update on the Shield Hockey Tournament. The Acting Director noted that the Manager of Stadium

Operations and Events is working with the schools involved to arrange a date and time for the event that works for all involved.

Deputy Mayor Gosse left the meeting at 9:18 am.

6.e Curling

Mayor Bent inquired if the Town would be proceeding with a curling program for residents this year. Staff confirmed the program will not be happening in 2022.

The Mayor and Council requested staff look into opportunities to celebrate the sport of Curling in Conception Bay South.

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 April 12, 2022 be accepted as presented.

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Councillor Moores, Chair

John Whelan, Acting Director of
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