

Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 09
Date: May 10, 2022
Time: 7:34 am - 8:29 am
Location: Zoom

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

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

1. Facilities, Parks and Open Spaces

1.a Recreation Complex - Pool Schedule Change - Public Swim

The Director discussed the change in schedule to accommodate a new program at the pool for school aged children.

The Committee concurred to proceed with the change in the swim schedule.

1.b Conception Bay South Arena - Ride for Dad Event

The Director discussed with the Committee the request from the Motorcycle Ride for Dad, brought forward to the Manager of Stadium Operations and Events, for use of the Conception Bay South Arena on

June 18, 2022, as part of the Ride for Dad event. It was noted that the Town has supported this event over the last several years.

The Committee concurred to grant this request to support this year's Motorcycle Ride for Dad.

1.c Recreation Complex - Swim Lesson Update

The current registration numbers for the latest set of Swim Lessons was provided for the Committee. To date, all Private Lesson spots have been filled (101/101) with 4 more private lesson options added for residents, and Public Lesson spaces are 79% filled (385/489).

1.d NL Beekeeping Association - No Mow May Campaign

The Director discussed the No Mow May Initiative with the Committee. While the Director has not received an official request from this campaign, he suggested that the Town could look at designating some areas such as the island at Kitty Ades Turn, the green space on Red Bridge Road, and others, that could remain without mowing to support pollinators.

The Committee concurred with taking part in this initiative for these areas.

2. Programs and Special Events

2.a Kelligrews Soiree - Garden Party Concert

The Director discussed the Kelligrews Soiree Garden Party Concert with the Committee, including band line-up and ticketing prices. The line-up of performers for the concert includes:

- 7:00 pm - The Shorething
- 8:00 pm - Rum Ragged
- 9:30 pm - Bic and the Ballpoints
- 11:00 pm - Justin Fancy

The Committee discussed various ticketing models. The Committee concurred to proceed with the 3-tier ticketing model as follows:

- Early Bird Tickets - \$20 + HST + surcharge (available while supplies last, or until June 10, 2022)

- General Admission - \$25 + HST + surcharge (ticket sales ending July 8, 2022 at 11:59 pm)
- Gate - \$35 HST incl. (if available once gate opens the day of the concert)

The official announcement of band line-up and ticket prices will be made following the Public Council Meeting of May 17, 2022.

The Committee also discussed the poor weather plan for the concert. It was decided that the Concert would go ahead, rain or shine, at Sgt. Ned Nugent's softball field.

2.b Kelligrews Soiree - Event Update

Program Supervisor Hodder provided an update on the calendar of events for the 2022 Kelligrews Soiree.

Councillor Hillier inquired if any multicultural or Come Home Year Events would be included in the schedule of events. Program Supervisor Hodder noted that further details on these potential events would be included as the schedule develops.

Councillor Moores asked if there would be events to promote local businesses and it was confirmed events such as this were also currently being looked at.

2.c Summer Fireworks

The Director discussed fireworks for summer events with the Committee. While there will be a slight increase in fireworks this year, staff are confident that these extra funds can be found in the operating budget.

The Committee concurred that the Towns fireworks displays will take place on July 1 and New Year's Eve, as in previous years.

2.d Community Better Challenge

Program Supervisor Hodder discussed the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge with the Committee. This is a challenge that brings communities, across Canada, together with physical activity. This challenge is happening from June 1 - 30, 2022. The municipality with the

most activity minutes tracked per province wins a \$15,000 prize, and the top winner for Canada receives \$100,000 to support local physical activity initiatives.

The Committee felt this would be a worthwhile challenge for the community, and suggested choosing a project / initiative that the community could work towards, while tracking physical activity. The Director will work on establishing potential projects this grant could support, that would also increase community engagement.

3. Other Departmental Items

3.a Come Home Year Grant - Legacy Fund - Light Walk

Program Supervisor Hodder updated the Committee on this grant program. While the Town was unsuccessful in receiving this grant, the Department is currently working with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism on other potential grant opportunities to fund this retrofit.

4. Important Dates

- May 2-12 - Frank Roberts Jr High Hockey Tournament
- May 10 - Ball Hockey Registration
- May 12 - Seniors Spring Fling
- May 19 - Summer Day Camp Registration
- May 24 - Ice removed at the Robert French Memorial Stadium
- June 4 - 3 Hour Challenge
- June 7 - Youth Ball Hockey starts
- June 14 - Ice removed at the Conception Bay South Arena
- June 16 - Seniors Bus Outing #1
- June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 27 - Summer Day Camp starts
- July 1 - Canada Day

- July 9-15 - Kelligrews Soiree
- August 3 - Family Fun Day at the Still
- August 11 - Seniors Bus Outing #2
- August 13 - Pirate Day on Topsail Beach (tentative)
- August 19 - Last day of Summer Day Camp

5. Potential Problems/Concerns

5.a Availability of Infield Sand for Softball and Baseball Facilities

5.b Graffiti / Vandalism Concerns and Potential Costs for Non-Budget Monies for Repairs

The Director noted that there has been an increase in graffiti and vandalism in Town, which the Department has been responsible for removing. The Director will bring this topic up for discussion at an upcoming meeting with regional municipalities, to gauge how this issue is affecting other locations. He noted that these costs for remediation were not budgeted in this year's operating budget.

6. Additional Item

6.a 2022 Cycle for Sight Charity Ride

The Director brought forward information on the 2022 Cycle for Sight Charity Ride. This event will be taking place on Sunday, July 10, 2022, and will travel from St. Johns, along the T'Railway, into Upper Gullies. The Director noted this event could be incorporated into the Kelligrews Soiree.

The Committee concurred, and felt this event would be a nice addition to the Soiree.

7. Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Report

Be it so resolved that the recommendations / decisions made at the Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting of May 10, 2022 be accepted as presented.

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- Kelligrews Soiree - Event Update
- Summer Fireworks
- Community Better Challenge
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- Graffiti / Vandalism Concerns and Potential Costs for Non-Budget Monies for Repairs
- 2022 Cycle for Sight Charity Ride

Councillor Moores, Chair

Dave Tibbo, Director of Recreation
and Leisure Services