

## **Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 14, 2023  
Time: 7:33 am - 8:45 am  
Location: Zoom

**Members Present**      **Deputy Mayor Gosse**  
                                 **Councillor Tilley**  
                                 ***Councillor Moores***  
                                 **Councillor Connors**  
                                 **Councillor Barrett**

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

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### **1. Parks, Playgrounds and Facilities**

#### **1.a Community Park Update**

Director of Recreation provided an update on the operations at the community park. Discussion was had to ensure better communications when the Community Park Ice is closed. Measures will include creating a page on the Towns website dedicated to the Community Park. Putting in place permanent signage that shows when the ice pad is open or closed. Director also noted efforts to continue social media posts to push no hockey on ice pad.

Chairperson Moores asked when the official opening will take place. Director indicating that the opening will take place leading up to summer.

#### **1.b Topsail Beach Canteen**

Councilor Barrett requested an update on the Topsail Beach Canteen. Director informed committee that the building was assessed and is

currently ready to be occupied and that an RFP is currently being developed for a summer tenant. Director indicated that he will gather information from other communities with similar operations.

**1.c Town of Paradise / City of St. Johns Request**

Director explained a request that was received from the City of St. Johns and Town of Paradise for usage of pool time. Committee concurred to try to accommodate this request whenever possible as long as resident programming remained unaffected.

**1.d Baker Flooring Senior Blues Facility Request**

Committee reviewed the attached request from the Baker Flooring Senior Blues to serve alcohol in the stands at the Conception Bay South Arena. A lengthy discussion took place and it was agreed to have the Director do more research on surrounding facilities that currently operate under similar circumstances. Committee would like the Director to report back to the committee with research.

**1.e Donation Request CBR U11 Mega Tournament**

The Committee reviewed the attached donation request from the U11 CBR Renegades B Team. The team is requesting a donation of a significant amount of ice time during their mega tournament. The Committee concurred to deny this request at this time.

**2. Events & Programs**

**2.a 50th Anniversary Update**

Committee reviewed the draft guidelines for the 50th Anniversary grant program and concurred to proceed with the program as noted. Councilor Connors requested an update on upcoming events. Director provided an update that staff are currently in the planning stages for several events to take place in the upcoming months.

Chairperson Moores requested for a page to be created on the Towns website dedicated to the 50th Anniversary.

## **2.b Provincial Squash Tournament**

Squash NL will be hosting the Provincial Squash Championships from March 29-April 2. With most games being played at the Aquarena. Some games will be played here at the Recreation Complex. For the interest of Committee, a schedule can be provided once available if any members of Committee or Council would like to drop in for a visit.

This was provided for the information of the Committee. Director will be providing a schedule to councilors once it becomes available.

## **2.c Registration for Winter Set 2 2023 Swimming Lessons**

Committee reviewed an attachment outlining the most recent registration numbers. Councilor Barrett reported hearing compliments from residents about the speed of the registration system and requested the Director look into the systems functioning capacity.

Councilor Barrett left the meeting at 8:20am

## **3. Other Departmental Items**

### **3.a Building Age Friendly Communities Grant**

Committee reviewed attached information regarding the Building Age Friendly Community Grant and concurred to proceed with submitting an application for paving the trail at the new Community Park. The following recommendation was tabled for approval.

#### **Recommendation:**

Be it so resolved that the committee concur to proceed with an application for the Building Age Friendly Community Grant.

### **3.b Donation Policy**

Committee reviewed the attached draft of the Facility Donation Policy and requested minor changes. They also requested the policy be merged with existing donation policy.

Chairperson Moores inquired about travel grants for sporting and other initiatives. The Chairperson requested the Director to do further research from other Municipalities that offer travel grants.

#### **4. Important Dates**

- March 16 - Seniors St. Patrick's Day Social
- March 23rd- Easter Day Camp Registration
- March 25th- 50ths Anniversary Bic and Ball Points Concert
- April 10th to April 14th - Easter Day Camp
- April 17th- Volunteer Awards Ceremony
- May 11 - Seniors Spring Fling
- June 10 - 3 Hour Challenge
- June 6-22 - Youth Ball Hockey Program
- July 1 - Canada Day Celebration
- July 8-14 - Kelligrews Soiree
- August 2 - Family Fun Day
- October 29 - Halloween Skate
- October 31 - Seniors Halloween Social
- November 5 - Bonfire Night
- November 11 - Remembrance Day
- December 2, 2023 - Santa Claus Parade
- December 2, 2023 - Tree Lighting Ceremony
- December 7, 2023 - Seniors Christmas Social
- December 31, 2023 - New Years Eve Family Skate

#### **5. Additional Items**

##### **5.a Sports Awards Ceremony**

Chairperson Moores spoke on the most recent sports awards ceremony. Discussion took place surrounding improvements to ceremonies. Director of Recreation pitched a new awards ceremony that encompasses sports and other awards, that would take place at the Conception Bay South

Arena with a gala set up and sit-down meal. This option can be explored for 2024. The Committee thought this was a nice idea and requested it to be looked into further.

**6. Potential Problems/Concerns**

N/A

**7. Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Report**

Be it so resolved that the recommendations and decisions of the Recreation and Leisure Services Committee meeting of March 14th 2023 be accepted as presented.

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- Topsail Beach Canteen
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Councillor Moores, Chair

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Nick Miller, Director of Recreation  
and Leisure Services