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Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2023
Time: 7:31 am - 8:28am
Location: Zoom

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

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

1. Facilities, Parks and Playgrounds

1.a Juleah Gardens Playground Request

Committee discussed a resident's request for a fence around Juleah Gardens Playground at length. Committee concurred at this time to proceed with informational signage in an effort to alleviate the resident's concern.

1.b Playground Priority List

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services informed Committee that currently a playground priority list has not been created. Director of Recreation and Leisure Services indicated to Committee that the new Operations and Facilities Manger will be tasked with completing this item. Committee had a lengthy discussion surround this topic. During this discussion, questions were raised regarding the process of identify which

playgrounds are priority. In addition, the Mayor asked what the status of Topsail beach playground was. Councilor Barrett inquired what the annual budget for playground maintenance was and the estimated cost of replacing a playground. Director of Recreation and Leisure Services was tasked with reporting back to Committee regarding these items.

2. Events & Programs

2.a Pickleball Program

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services informed Committee that a new pickleball program will be starting in the Town of Conception Bay South. The program will include 4 learn to play sessions, a pickleball day during the Kelligrews Soiree Festival and eventually, the development of a new pickleball league. The Committee concurred to proceed with this new program as presented.

Councillor Barrett left the meeting at 7:52 am.

3. Other Departmental Items

3.a Memory Garden Request

Committee discussed this request. During this discussion, the Mayor indicated that there had been a concept plan developed with the Memory Garden located in front of the Town Hall. Committee tasked the Director of Recreation and Leisure Services with provide the current concept plan to Council for their review, and further discussion on a plan to move forward.

3.b Graffiti on Town Property

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services provided an update to Committee regarding damage and graffiti at the new Community Park. Committee were disheartened with this news. There were questions surrounding the cost of removing the graffiti and repairing the damage to the building. Committee has decided to close the washrooms at the new Community Park at an earlier time and put out information regarding the damage to the public in an effort to prevent further damage and graffiti.

3.c Meeting with Minor Baseball

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services provided an update to Committee on a meeting with Minor Baseball held on Thursday April 20 regarding their program and current operational needs as it relates to field usage. Minor Baseball is seeing impressive growth in their program and as a result are needing more field space. Director of Recreation and Leisure Services will keep Committee posted on new developments.

3.d Theatre CBS

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services discussed a request from Theatre CBS. Theatre CBS is requesting an MOU with the Town of Conception Bay South to allow Theater CBS the use of Worsley Park on Monday nights.

Committee agreed to extended the current MOU that is in place for another year.

3.e Kelligrews Soiree Ticket Price

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services discussed the Kelligrews Soiree Garden Party financial breakdown with Committee including the proposed ticket pricing for 2023. Committee concurred with the ticket pricing as presented.

3.f Summer Program Interviews

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services provided a breakdown of Summer Employment Interviews and the demands on Town resources to interview all candidates new and returning. Committee agreed with a new procedure for hiring summer students including exit interviews, to decrease the strain on Town resources, while also ensuring the best candidates are chosen for the job.

4. Important Dates

- May 3rd- Swimming Registration for CBS Residents
- May 5th- Swimming Registration for Non-CBS Residents
- May 6th 50th Anniversary Slime Party
- May 9th Ball Hockey Registration
- May 11 - Seniors Spring Fling
- May 18th -Day Camp Registration
- May 23rd to June 8th - Youth Ball Hockey Program
- June 3rd- Community Better Challenge Kick Off Event
- June 10 - 3 Hour Challenge
- June 21- National Indigenous People Day
- June 23-24 Snowbirds
- June 26- Summer Day Camp
- July 1 - Canada Day Celebration
- July 11- Sunset Yoga Program
- July 8-14 - Kelligrews Soiree
- August 2 - Family Fun Day
- August 9- Newcomer Welcome Night Topsail Beach
- August 12- Pirate Day
- August 19-20 - 50th Anniversary Birthday Weekend
- 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 Year's Eve Family Skate

5. Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Report

Be it so resolved that the recommendations and decisions of the Recreation and Leisure Services Committee meeting of April 25, 2023 be accepted as presented.

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- Playground Priority List
- Pickleball Program
- Memory Garden Request
- Graffiti on Town Property
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Councillor Moores, Chair

Nick Miller, Director of Recreation
and Leisure Services