

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

Date: July 5, 2023  
Time: 7:33 am - 8:34 am  
Location: Zoom

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

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

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### **1. Facilities, Park, Playgrounds**

#### **1.a Community Park Grand Opening**

The Director of Recreation and Leisure Services provided an update to the Committee regarding the logistics of the Community Park Grand Opening. The Grand Opening will take place Friday July 7th from 2:00 to 4:00pm and will feature speeches from all levels of government, ribbon cutting and our super splash party kickoff event to follow.

#### **1.b National Ball Hockey Champions**

The Newfoundland Labrador Ball Hockey Association (NLBHA) will be hosting the 2023 Canadian Ball Hockey Association (CBHA) National

Junior Championships from July 26-29 at the Conception Bay South Arena and Robert French Memorial Stadium.

The Junior divisions are separated into the following; Male U19, U17, U15 & Female U19 and U16. There is a total of 30 teams participating from across the country that include teams from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, and 8 teams from Newfoundland and Labrador.

There will be over 118 games played at 4 locations and along with both town facilities hosting round robin games, the Conception Bay South Arena will be hosting all the tournaments gold medal games on July 29. A schedule will be forwarded once completed.

This information was provided for the committee.

#### **1.c Family Swim Issues at Recreation Complex**

The committee discussed the possibility of changing a family swim from either Friday or Saturday night to a public swim. The committee also discussed having a signup sheet for public swims to track attendance. The committee concurred to change the family swim on Saturday night to a public swim on a trial basis for the summer swim schedule.

#### **1.d Community Park Splash Pad**

Director of Recreation provided an update on Community Park Splash Pad. The Splash pad has been an overwhelming success with many residents using the park during the opening weekend of the splash pad.

Councilor Hardy left the meeting at 8:09am

Councilor Barret left the meeting at 8:12am

#### **1.e Tv Show Request to use Recreation Complex**

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services updated Committee that a television company has requested to use the Recreation Complex to film a part of their tv show. The company was looking to occupy the space on

Monday August 7th 2023. The Recreation Complex will be closed on this day due to a Town Holiday so there will be no interruption of regular user groups. The committee concurred with this request.

## **2. Events & Programs**

### **2.a Community Challenge Update**

The Director of Recreation and Leisure Services provided an update to the Committee on the next steps for the Participation Community Challenge. In anticipation of being named one of the 50 finalists for Canada, the recreation department will be putting together a final submission to show why our community should be chosen as Canada's most active community.

### **2.b Kelligrews Soiree**

Full schedule of events for the Killigrews Soiree was provided for committee to review.

## **3. Other Departmental Items**

### **3.a Letter from CBS Junior B Renegades**

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services would like to discuss next steps following a meeting on June 19th 2023 with the Junior B Renegades.

Committee concurred to wait to hear further updates before taking next steps in the process.

### **3.b Recreation and Leisure Services Labourer Shortage**

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services provided Committee with an update on the labourer shortage in parks department. The process for hiring new labourers is underway and current staff will continue to work through priority list as fast as possible.

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

- July 1 - Canada Day Celebration
- July 11- Sunset Yoga Program start
- 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
- Sept 6th- Walking for Wellness
- Sept 25th - 29th- Senior Week
- 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. Additional Items**

##### **5.a Thomas Amusements**

Chairperson Moores inquired about the dates on Thomas Amusements for 2023. Director of Recreation provided that the dates will be September 14 to 17th.

## **5.b 50th Promotional items**

Councillor Tilley inquired about the status of the promotional items for 50th Anniversary. Recreation Staff informed that the contracts have been awarded and next steps will be establishing the online purchasing platform. Chairperson Moores asked if there could be a pop-up shop set up to sell items at the Community Park Parking lot. Committee concurred with this.

## **6. Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Report**

Be it so resolved that the recommendations and decisions of the Recreation and Leisure Services Committee meeting of July 5th 2023 be accepted as presented.

- Community Park Grand Opening
- National Ball Hockey Championships
- Family Swim Issues at Recreation Complex
- Community Park Splash Pad
- Tv Show Request to use Recreation Complex
- Community Challenge Update
- Kelligrews Soiree
- Letter from CBS Junior B Renegades
- Recreation and Leisure Services Labourer Shortage
- Important Dates
- Thomas Amusements
- 50th Promotional Items

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Councillor Moores, Chair

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Nick Miller, Director of Recreation  
and Leisure Services