



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Recreation Committee Meeting	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Twp Council Chambers	
<b>Date / Time:</b>	Sept 5, 2018	7:05pm – 8:55pm
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Geoff Patterson	

### 1. Purpose

Regular Rec Committee meeting

### 2. Attendance

Name	Present	Name	Present
Matthew Arseneau	Y	Scott Buffam	regret
Jason Marshall	Y	Geoff Patterson	y
John Robertson	y		
Teresa Bahm	y		

### 3. Agenda

No.	Subject	Responsible
1	Call to Order/Welcome/Attendance	JM
2	Adoption of Agenda	JM
3	Declaration of pecuniary interest	JM
4	Delegations –Scott Conroy, Rec Dept programmer	JM
5	adopt previous minutes from June mtg	JM
6	Follow up business from minutes	All
7	Correspondence- Herbfest minutes/wrap-up report	All
8	<b>Visioning</b> - strategic plan/presentation to Council	All
9	New Charges for Rec Facility Use	All
10	New/Other Business	All
11	Next Meeting/Adjournment	All

#### 4. Action Items:

No	Actions, Decisions and Important Issues	Responsible	Status	Closure Date
1	The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Rec Committee Chair Jason Marshall, and attendance was taken by the Director.	JM	Open	
2.	Committee member Matthew Arseneau moved that the agenda be adopted and Committee member Teresa Bahm seconded. CARRIED.	JM	closed	18/9/5
3	The Chair invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	JM	closed	18/9/5
4.	<p>The delegation heard this evening was introduced by the Chair and Scott Conroy was welcomed and the Director explained he was the successful candidate to fulfill requirements of the Rec Programmer MAT leave position. Mr. Conroy stated that he has enjoyed the position since jumping into high gear from Canada Day onward. He commented on several special events he helped oversee including Canada Day, the Provincial Ball bantam championships, the Concerts in the Park series, and the Madawaska Family Paddle. He explained that although a lot of his focus was currently on the SALC task force, which is being seen into fruition in the very near future, (grand opening will be held October 1<sup>st</sup> in Arnprior) he has put together a line dancing and pickleball program to be held at McNab Public School starting September 10<sup>th</sup> and also has been planning for other fall and winter programming options, including PA Activity days for kids.</p> <p>He also noted that 2019 winter carnival dates were already established as Feb 2nd for Braeside and Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> for White Lake and that we had already been looking at improvements to be made during the Festival of Outdoor rinks annually held in February.</p> <p>Mr. Conroy elaborated on the extensive work he has been doing to assist with progress on the SALC joint task force in partnership with the Town of Arnprior and ARH. Programs that the seniors will have available to them will include yoga, fitness, creative writing, photography and other options. Transportation options have also been set up which will make the programs out of the seniors centre even more accessible.</p>	JM		
5	Recreation Director Patterson circulated Recreation Committee meeting minutes from June which were approved, moved by Committee member Teresa Bahm, seconded by Committee member John Robertson. Carried.	JM	closed	18/9/5
6	<p>Business which arose from past minutes this evening included a question about whether any of the recent changes in charges for ball park use affected rental frequency... The Director explained that for many summers there were 8-10 ball tournament days booked, there were 20 days spoken for during the April till October time period.</p> <p>The group also reviewed "Concert in the Park" series, which is a new initiative the Director is developing. He confirmed that July 12 is confirmed as the first start date of the pilot which will rotate venues and entertainers and will re-convene at Burnstown Beach August 2 and August 23 in White Lake.</p>	JM	closed	18/9/5
7	Correspondence circulated by the Rec Director included minutes from the Herbest organizing committee meeting dated August 20 and Committee had no questions as a follow-up to this correspondence. Teresa Bahm reviewed a couple of the more significant recommendations to come out of the Herbfest post mortem and they included improving communication by acquiring 2 way radios and additional support for parking logistics on site during peak event hours. Committee felt it prudent to forward a copy of these minutes to Council at this time.	all	closed	18/6/6

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8	<p>Committee identified the September 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting as an opportunity we had to appear as a delegation to highlight Rec Committee accomplishments during the last term. Chair Marshall felt he would be an appropriate spokesperson and wondered if any other group members wished to assist with the task of presenting to Council. Committee member Matthew Arseneau referred directly to the <b>visioning</b> document formulated in 2017 and stated that he felt we were coming along nicely with our main goals of timeline development with respect to the various areas of priority we had previously identified as a Committee. As our plan indicated, priorities such as trails and Herbfest event continue to grow, our facilities such as MCP and Dochart are being maintained and enhanced and our staffing and programming is being expanded. Other members would make every attempt to be in attendance but the group went over what they felt should be explained to Council in further detail during the presentation. With respect to our strategic plan and how we were making progress toward some end goals, encouraging development of outdoor amphitheatres at Waba Museum and Red Pine Bay, highlighting expansion of the Burnstown Beach parking area in the next budget was identified, ongoing trail development based out of the Municipal headquarters, more programming focused out of the White Lake satellite location and working toward a 5 year linkability plan in conjunction with Red Pine Bay/Braeside Beach and Osborne Street rehabilitation. Another area of emphasis included further development at Clay bank Park and a continued emphasis on programming out of the White Lake Park satellite location.</p>	JM	open	
9	<p>Discussion was held about potential charges for facility use moving forward, most specifically relating to the development of our new halls. Regular user rates of all nearby municipalities were closely examined by the group. Our previous charges that currently exist within the Township, and are posted as part of our current fees and charges bylaw, were also carefully scrutinized by the group.</p> <p><b>Moved by Committee member Teresa Bahm, seconded by Jason Marshall that Council approve an increase in fees for the use of Township Recreational Hall facilities for the purposes of holding events; first, for new municipal halls at Braeside and Glasgow, the new rate be established at \$35/hr to a max of \$225 per day and for charitable/non profit events \$200 per day. The Committee also recommends that the Damage deposit fee be raised to \$200. Carried.</b></p>	all	Open	
10	<p>The Committee learned that due to the success at MCP during the Provincial Playdowns tournament held June 29 through July 1<sup>st</sup>, Tournament convenor Adam Rueckwald indicated to Mr. Patterson that this was a dress rehearsal for other high profile tournaments and provincial officials have no hesitation of recommending our facility to host future events. Committee member John Robertson inquired about parking and was informed that it was a normal occurrence during provincial championships, to have a \$5 car pass/voucher.</p> <p>Mr. Patterson notified the group that the Heartland gazebo at MCP was 97% finished except for a few cosmetics due to the hard work by staff and volunteers to see this major project through to the end. A big thank you goes out to Dennis Hill and Lee who provided lots of the effort behind this endeavor.</p> <p>Committee member Matthew Arseneau spoke of significant work and progress at the Algonquin trail near Braeside Beach and that there will be shovels on the ground doing some enhancements to that area of trail within the next 10 days.</p>	GP	open	
	<p>Committee was informed that a group associated with the Ottawa River Waterkeeper will be performing free improvements at Red pine Bay on September 13<sup>th</sup> and we are recruiting volunteer assistance for this cause. The planting will include improved conditions for vegetation along the water's edge at this facility and will be under the scrutiny of a group called the Natural Edge which is funded by the Department and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.</p>	GP	open	
10	<p>Committee member Teresa Bahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm and Committee member John Robertson seconded. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 in the Chambers. <i>No further action necessary.</i></p>	all	Closed	18/9/5

