



**MINUTES**

**Public Recreation & Culture Committee  
Wednesday, December 6, 2023  
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Lori Hoddinott (Chair), Darrell Carson (Vice Chair),  
Marc Landry, Teresa Bahm, Matt Arseneau

**STAFF PRESENT:** Andrea Lamontagne, Recreation Director, Recording Secretary

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Nil.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Peoples.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

3.1 December 6, 2023

**RESOLUTION - 1-2021**

Moved by Teresa Bahm, seconded by Darrell Carson

*THAT the agenda dated December 6, 2023 be adopted as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**4. Delegations and Presentations**

Nil.

**5. Adoption of Committee Minutes**

5.1 Dated November 1, 2023

**RESOLUTION - 2-2021**

Moved by Marc Landry, seconded by Darrell Carson

*THAT the Public Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting minutes dated November 1, 2023 be approved as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**6. Matters Arising From Previous Meeting Minutes**

6.1 - Baseball Diamond Bags and Pins (MCP)

D. Carson requested that extra bags and pins be considered in the 2024 budget for McNab Centre Park (MCP).

**7. Requests Submitted by Members of the Public**

Nil.

**8. Reports**

Nil.

**9. Information Items**

9.1 Successful OTF Grant – JAG Lighting

The Recreation Director advised the committee members that the Township was successful with the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Capital grant application for the John. A. Gillies Recreation Centre (JAG) up to 122,000.00.

**RESOLUTION - 3-2021**

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Teresa Bahm

***THAT** the Successful OTF Grant – JAG Lighting update be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

9.2 Recreation Activity Report, November 29, 2023

The Recreation Director advised that there were two date corrections on this report.

- 1) The White Lake Winter Carnival is on Saturday February 17.
- 2) The Recreation Department will close on Friday December 22.

Revisions will be made and published accordingly.

**RESOLUTION - 4-2021**

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Teresa Bahm

***THAT** the Recreation Activity Report dated November 29, 2023 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**10. Unfinished Business**

10.1 Recreation Master Plan

A round table discussion regarding the John A Gillies Building, Murray Yantha Community Centre, White Lake Park, White Lake Dam Site, Wellington Park, Waba

Cottage Museum and Clay Bank Nature Park for Outdoor Learning was undertaken by the committee.

The committee provided their input for each of these sites which will be summarized and brought back to committee as recommendations to include in the recreation master plan. The Committee felt that focusing their attention to one park per year would be the best solution to achieve measurable results.

**RESOLUTION - 5-2021**

Moved by Darrell Carson, seconded by Teresa Bahm

***THAT** the Recreation Master Plan discussions be accepted as information.*

**CARRIED.**

**11. New Business**

- 11.1 Arnprior Fish and Games Conservation Club, Re: the dock at Clay Bank Nature Park for Outdoor Learning

**RESOLUTION - 6-2021**

Moved by Matt Arseneau, seconded by Darrell Carson

***THAT** the Public Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council approve the purchase of the used dock in as-is condition from the Arnprior Fish and Games Conservation Club for \$3,500 and that funding come from the Clay Bank Nature Park for Outdoor Learning reserves in the 2024 budget.*

**CARRIED.**

- 11.2 Public Skating Hours

The Committee discussed the 2023/2024 public skating hours for White Lake and John A Gillies Centre as follows:

Hockey-Free Zone (no sticks or pucks), daily, 10 – 11 AM

Shinny, daily, 7 – 9 PM

Public Skating will be available at all times when there is not a pre-booked event.

This information will be posted for on social media and at the rinks

- 11.3 Upcoming Meeting Dates

The committee agreed to change the meeting date to Thursday January 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm

**12. Draft By-Laws**

Nil.

**13. Public Questions/Comments**

Nil.

**14. Committee Questions/Comments**

Nil.

**15. Notice of Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Thursday January 25, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday February 7, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

**16. Adjournment**

Public Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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MEETING CHAIR