

The Township Of McNab/Braeside



Discussion Notes Public Recreation & Culture Committee Wednesday, October 4, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers

PRESENT: Lori Hoddinott (meeting Chair), Matt Arseneau (arrived at 7:15 pm), Karin Haelssig, Darrell Carson

REGRETS: Andris Kalnins, Marc Landry, Teresa Bahm, Mark MacKenzie

STAFF PRESENT: Andrea Lamontagne, Recreation Director, Recording Secretary
John Campbell, Recreation Maintenance

MEDIA PRESENT: Nil.

No Quorum.

The notes taken reflect the discussion that was had. Each item noted below will be addressed at the November 1, 2023, committee meeting.

Members of A.A.S, Stacy Howard and Stacy Mullins-Campbell shared the Farm to Family initiative. The information package that was provided will be shared when the Public Recreation and Culture Committee meets on November 1, 2023.

Lori Hoddinott noted that November 5, 2023, marks the 200th anniversary of the proclamation of the establishment of the Township of McNab.

To benefit from having John Campbell present, the group discussed some of the properties to get an understanding of some of the challenges and priority needs that should be considered when preparing the Recreation Master Plan. John noted;

- Access to Braeside Beach is not feasible for machinery as there are cement pillars in place on the walkway leading to the beach. He recommends working on transforming Red Pine Bay into a usable beach so that Braeside Beach could then be closed to allow for much needed maintenance. There is little to no sand left at this location, it is mostly rock. Suggestions include; remove pillars to accommodate machinery, drag beach, dump fresh sand.
*The pillars were likely placed to deter snowmobilers from accessing the river via this path and contributing to the erosion of the shoreline.

- Adding a dog park to Red Pine Bay next to the red gate at the turn in to the property.
- Currently we benefit from volunteers dragging the Burnstown Beach daily. When this is no longer offered, the township will need a 4x4' harrow to complete this task. This attachment can also be used to drag Braeside Beach.

The Committee suggested meeting at 6:30 pm for the November 1 meeting to allow time to review the agenda set for this meeting and to accommodate any new items.