

## Public Recreation and Culture Committee

January 11, 2023 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Council Chambers Municipal Office, 2473 Russett Dr.

### Recreation Committee Members

Adam Rueckwald  
Andy Kalnins  
John Robertson  
Matt Arseneau

Teresa Bahm  
Mark Mackenzie (Mayor / Chair)  
Andrea Lamontagne (Recreation Director)

### Agenda

#### 1. Called to order at 7:06 pm

#### 2. Adoption of agenda – moved and seconded by Mat and Adam

#### 3. Current Rec. status

- Programs return in full on Monday January 9
- Rinks: Preparations on the Braeside Rink have begun, and it is set to open by the end of the week. The weather has not been favorable to begin work on the White Lake Rink. The asphalt base requires a large amount of packed snow to act as insulation before flooding can begin.

#### 4. New Topics

- Bartering Services for Rental Fee: The Recreation Director would like to recommend a barter agreement, wherein those who can offer a service of value to recreation programming (such as hockey, baking, crafting lessons) could receive a waived future community centre/ice rink rental fee in exchange for payment.

**\* Resolution – moved Adam and seconded by Andy. Determined on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Director of Recreation/CAO with support of the recreation committee. This item will be added as a policy. Cases will be shared with the committee in advance where feasible, where time does not permit the Recreation Director/CAO may approve or deny the request.**

- Two-tier fee system (resident/non-resident) – Background: *Resident feedback that they are unable to register for programs as they fill quickly with non-*

*residents. Should there be a different rate for programs/rentals for those who pay municipal taxes and those who don't?*

**Mark asked for assistance from the committee to research comparable costs for rentals and programs within 100 km. John requested a list of all programs we offer (current and future) with fee as of today. He will work on these comparables.**

**Mark recommends wording as:**

**Rental \$135**

**McNab/Braeside residents \$125**

- Active Transportation Pathways Subcommittee (Andy)

**Andy would like to start an Active Transportation Subcommittee – Mark linked this to Renfrew County Tourism. Signage brings people in to the community to explore new business. The County is responsible for putting signs up on the Algonquin trail. Andy recommended that we could advertise ‘what’s my three words’ app on signage; a unique combination of three word identifies precise locations used for emergency rescue.**

**Resolution to form this subcommittee- Moved by Matt, seconded by John: Chair Andy Kalnins, Matt Arseneau Vice Chair. Mark shared that there are county resources for this and requested that Andy prepare a document including the K&P Trail, McNab/Braeside Rec Trail that Mark can share with the county.**

New additions

- Ontario Winter Games (Renfrew County) Feb 2-5 & 9-12  
**Renfrew County games need volunteers – Mark requested that we share the SM post from our end.**
- Outdoor rink status – set to open in Braeside.
- Braeside Cup –

**Resolution**

**moved by John seconded by Teresa, this committee recommends the reinstatement of the Braeside Cup at no fee and the organizer has permission to run the canteen. As a community fundraiser in support of rink lighting at the JAG, Insurance required is to be taken from ticket sale**

revenue, organizer, Dan Leblanc is responsible for arranging the Cup.  
Suggested the weekend of Feb 9 – 11.

Update 1/18/23: Due to scheduling conflicts, the Braeside Cup will be held  
on Wednesday February 15, 7-9 pm

Friday February 17, 7-9 pm

Saturday February 18, full day

## 5. Updates

- Braeside Winter Carnival – Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 2 pm
- White Lake Winter Carnival – Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 2 pm
  - Sponsored by The Pines at White Lake (\$500)
  - Polar Plunge 2-3 pm at the White Lake Dam Site

## 6. Round Table

**Darryl Carson (resident)**

– Parking at WL Carnival requested that signage be placed at Point Rd. last year there were parking issues as cars were parked on both sides of the street.

- Inquired about holding badminton in the Township. Andrea noted that this is not feasible indoors as the ceiling height at MYCC and building width at JAG are not suitable. Can accommodate this outdoors at MYCC pad (ready in 2023), JAG ODR, WL ODR.

- Inquired about adding Pickle Ball to WL rink in off season. Andrea said that this is feasible with the support of a subcommittee to open/close the building for washroom access/building for equipment and if there is money in the budget to cover the cost of a net and equipment.

**Matt Arseneau**

– Concerned that snowmobilers coming of Red Pine Bay do not have a safe path to access the rec trail, they are currently accessing via a sharp curve (suggested extending trail access from river to trail for safety). This remedy will also address the parking issues. This will be directed to the Trail Subcommittee to investigate.

## 7. Adjournment 8:49 moved Matt and John seconded

## **Upcoming 2023 Meeting Schedule**

Wednesday's 7 pm

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January 11

February 1

March 1

April 5

May 3

June 7

July – break

August – break

September 6

October 4

November 1

December 6