

Public Recreation and Culture Committee

March 1, 2023 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Council Chambers Municipal Office, 2473 Russett Dr.

Recreation Committee Members

Mark Mackenzie, Mayor / Chair
Adam Rueckwald, Vice Chair
Teresa Bahm, Vice Chair (regrets)
John Robertson (regrets)
Matt Arseneau

Andy Kalnins
Darrell Carson
Marc Landry
Andrea Lamontagne, Recreation Director

Agenda

- 1. Call to order 7:03 pm
2. Land Acknowledgment
3. Adoption of agenda
Adam/Mark
4. Current Rec. status

- March Events

Discussion:

- a) Andy has noted that Book King is not user friendly to use. The Recreation Director acknowledged that this is a known problem, the department is investigating options for a more intuitive platform. Janyne or Taylor can provide assistance to anyone needing registration support, 613-623-5756 x 232/241.
b) Darrell would like to see diverse program offerings to represent men and youth. He suggests that advertisement graphics could be modified to appeal more to men/youth.
c) The Rec Committee requests that staff pull user demographics to be shared at the next meeting; where do users come from, i.e. White Lake, McNab, Braeside, Arnprior etc. as well as ages and gender.

5. New Topics

- 2023 Soccer Agreement, AMBUSC

Discussion: The 2023 AMBUSC agreement includes use of the fields, building and canteen operation plus 1 weekly mowing and trimming bi-weekly at a cost of



**\$7,750. Field lining is not included at this rate as the cost for labour and equipment far exceeds the rental fee.**

**Motion: The Recreation Committee supports the agreement as written for 2023, \$7,750 no lining.**

**Moved Andy, Seconded Adam. All in favour, carried.**

- Summer Employee Positions

**Information: 7 positions have been advertised; a report to council has been submitted to review at the March 8 meeting requesting that the 2023 budget for summer contracts be approved. Positions include: Sports Field Groundskeeper, Recreation Attendant x 2 (student), Park Maintenance Worker, Waba Gardener, Waba Museum Curator, Museum Assistant (student).**

- Arnprior Fish and Games Council Agreement

**Discussion: This agreement is for a 10 year term (2023-2033, or the useful life of the dock). The agreement includes the provision annually of 5 boat launch passes to be distributed as AFGC sees fit. The Club is responsible for installation, repair and removal of the dock.**

**Motion: The Recreation Committee agrees to the agreement as written; offering 5 passes to the AFGC.**

**Moved Marc Landry, seconded by Adam. All in favour, carried.**

- Minor Ball Fees

**Information: Registration opened today. Rates increased by \$10/division as the previous fee was considerably lower than comparables. While this new fee remains below the comparable rate, it better reflects current costs associated with running the program. Rates: \$50 T ball & 5 Pitch, U11 & U14 \$70, U16 & U19 \$80. Season May – July, play 2 x a week. New for 2023 - registration is all on-line this year. It is anticipated that 250 players will return for the season.**

- Rink Rental (added 3/1/23 as per request at last meeting)

**Update to inquiry at last meeting; rink rentals are \$33/hour + \$100 security deposit. This is the same fee to rent the ball diamonds/game.**

**Motion: The Committee recommends that Council amend the fees and by-laws to include insurance requirements for rink rentals. The Township offers insurance coverage through Intact at a reasonable rate of approximately \$2.50 - \$6+ / hour based on the number of participants.**

- Renfrew/Arnprior Recreation Agreement (added 3/1/23 following news announcement)  
**Information: As per MY FM 96.1 Renfrew Today announcement made on March 1, 2023 at 7:22 am:**

**Renfrew Council approved a new streamlined deal that will switch their long-standing agreement to a pay-per-person model for use of the pool and swimming lessons provided by the Nick Smith Centre. The Town of Renfrew will pay an estimated \$9,200 to Arnprior and, in exchange, Renfrew residents**

will now pay the same as Arnprior residents would to use the pool and its services.

- McNab Days (added 3/1/23)

**Information item: Mark would like to see the return of 'McNab Days, a calling of the clans' in 2023. The intention is to build this event now as signature event and align it with the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of McNab in 2025.**

**The event would be held approx. 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August annually, suggested Saturday August 12, 2023. This would be a full day event with vendors, food, displays and themed activities during the day, capped with music in the evening.**

**Andy suggests that we grow this to recognize the contributions that all immigrants have made to the community.**

**The yet to be established 'Museum Committee' will represent this event.**

#### 6. Round Table

N/A

#### 7. Adjournment 8:41 pm.

### **Upcoming 2023 Meeting Schedule**

Wednesday's 7 pm

Council Chambers, 2473 Russett Dr.

April 5

May 3

June 7

July – break

August – break

September 6

October 4

November 1

December 6