

APPROVED

KENTVILLE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Thursday April 17th , 2008:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Kentville Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Pearl at 6:36 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

PRESENT:

Chairman Pearl, Councilor Bolland, Committee Member McDougall, Committee Member Lloyd, Committee Member Hockley, Director Phillips, and Recording Secretary Young.

REGRETS:

Councilor Folker-Hill
Committee Member Cumby

APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA – Thursday April 17, 2008:

IT WAS MOVED by Councilor Bolland and SECONDED by Member MacDougall to approve the Agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES – March 20th, 2008, and September 20th, 2007.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilor Bolland and SECONDED by Member MacDougall to approve the minutes of September 20th, 2007 and March 20th, 2008 with the following amendments to the attendance section in the March minutes:

- a)The names of Councilor Bolland, Committee Member McDougall and Committee Member Lloyd removed from the attendance section under “present” and be left in the attendance section under “regrets”.

MOTION CARRIED.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES – Thursday, March 20th
2008.**

- a) **Bonavista Estates Update:** Director Phillips reported to the Committee that there will be a meeting on April 18th with the Town Solicitors in preparation for upcoming court dates over the Bonavista Parkland. Director Phillips reported that currently, the Solicitors are confident in the Town's position regarding the case. Chairman Pearl added that council is aware of the details and is committed to seeing the process through. Discussion moved to the purchase of Green Gym equipment. Director Phillips reported that it was a consideration to put Green Gym equipment in some locations. The order has been held while the company works on having the equipment CSA certified. Other concerns include how to regulate use, as the equipment is intended for adults only.
- b) **Ducks Unlimited Update:** Director Phillips stated that there was not much to report at this time. Some minimal damage occurred which was reported in March due to spring floods. Construction of the boardwalk section will begin in a week's time. Director Phillips reported that the area is beginning to mature and look more like a pond. It was also noted that the Ducks Unlimited Dinner and Auction will be taking place at Acadia University on Friday April 25th. The Annual event is a fundraiser for all local Ducks Unlimited projects. Councilor Bolland and Mayor Corkum plan to attend.
- c) **Parks and Recreation- Active Living Coordinator:** Director Phillips reported to the Committee that the hiring of an Active Living Coordinator is still dependant on the provincial budget and funding approval. Director Phillips stated that he believes Kentville is high on the list and added that if Kentville does not receive the funding, it is possible to hire a Coordinator in lieu of the intern. The Provincial budget is expected to be announced on April 28th. Director Phillips

also noted that the position has not yet been advertised.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT –April, 2008
- Attached:**

Director Phillips reviewed his attached report that was circulated prior to the Committee meeting.

Highlights included:

- **Arena** –John Deere show.
- **Home Show** – Taking place April 18th - 20th.
- **May 30-June 1st Apple Blossom:** Director Phillips highlighted for the Committee the list of scheduled events including the family showcase, fireworks and the parade. Director Phillips also noted for the Committee a new event taking place at the arena this year that includes a musical act for all ages during the afternoon, a lobster supper in the early evening and a beer garden and cover band in the evening. The event is being called Applepalooza.
- **Pumpkin People Book:** Director Phillips reported that Sandra and Ron Lightburn will be launching their book about the Pumpkin People in Kentville this fall.
- **Parks and Recreation Move:** Director Phillips informed the Committee about the recent move of the Department to the downstairs level of Town Hall.

**INCOME STATEMENTS –
Operating Budget Update**

Nothing to report as the budget is still new.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Operating Budget for 2008/2009:** Director Phillips reviewed for the committee the operating budget for 2008/2009. Director Phillips reviewed the attached budget comparison spreadsheet showing budget numbers for years from 2002 – 2009. Director Phillips reported that the cost of Recreation to the Town has been consistent for the last five years.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councilor Bolland and SECONDED by Member Hockley to support the 2008/2009 Operating Budget as presented by Director Phillips.

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B. Capital Budget for 2008/2009: Director Phillips reviewed the Capital Budget for Parks and Recreation for 2008/2009. The Committee accepted Director Phillips' Budget and approved it to be submitted to Council.

IT WAS MOVED by Member Hockley and SECONDED by Member MacDougall to support the 2008/2009 Capital Budget as presented and submit it to council.

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C. Community Events Schedule:
Princess Kentville Tea – April 24th Kentville Fire Hall
Kentville Volunteer Dinner – May 1st, Kentville Fire Hall

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

There was some discussion by the Committee regarding noise and loud congregation taking place at the basketball courts at night during the warmer months. The Committee discussed many different options and decided to post signage outlining the noise bylaws and usage rules for the courts. Additionally the police will be notified about the Committee's intentions. The item will be added to the next meetings agenda. Chairman Pearl will report back on any impact the signage has had up to that point.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be on Thursday June 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

IT WAS MOVED by Member McDougall and SECONDED by Councilor Bolland that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Chairman Councilor Pearl

Recording Secretary Young