

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

MINUTES

April 2, 2009

Approved by Committee May 21, 2009

PRESENT

Chairperson Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Tony Bentley, Councilor Bill Boyd, Director Mark Phillips, Facilities Manager Kevin Bennett, Active Living Coordinator Jill Trinacty, Member Debbie Lloyd, Member Jeff Hockley, Member Fred Cumby, Member Bill Connell, Recording Secretary Lindsay Young.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL
CALL**

Chairman Folker-Hill called the meeting to order at 6:36p.m. and reported that all members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by member Hockley

that the agenda be approved with the addition of item (b) Draft Policy for Rental of Town Facilities, under business arising, and a change in the order under business arising to accommodate the change

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) January 15th, 2009

It was moved by Councillor Bentley and seconded by member Lloyd

that the Minutes of January 15th 2009 be approved as with no errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

(a) Ipsos Reid Survey – Rec Study

Active Living Coordinator Jill Trinacty reviewed the attached report by Ipsos Reid illustrating results of the recreation study conducted to determine the physical

activity levels, preferences and needs/wants of the community regarding recreation.

Points from Discussion:

- The committee discussed the results of the survey with focus on the question regarding the need for a multi-purpose recreational facility in town.
- It was asked whether it might be worth while to hire a summer student to conduct a door to door survey to supplement the results of the Ipsos Reid Survey.

(b) Draft Policy for Rental of Town Facilities

Chairperson Nola Folker-Hill reported that in the past, situations have arisen where groups have rented facilities and been unable to pay the bill. Chairperson Folker-Hill suggested that the committee look at putting a policy in place surrounding facility rentals.

(c) Bonavista Estates Update

Director Phillips reported that the application has been sent to justice Moyer requesting reimbursement for the legal costs accumulated by the Bonavista Case. Additionally, all of the play structures have been delivered, and should be in place this spring. A meeting will be held with the Bonavista group.

(d) Ducks Unlimited Update

Director Phillips reported that other than some final dressings of the trail on the County side, and some signage, most of the remaining work to be done is on the bridge. All funding is in place with the exception of ACOA.

(e) Friends of the Library Update

Director Phillips reported that a meeting was held for the Town and the County. The most pressing matter is now the site selection. That process is hoped to be complete in June of 2009. The primary site in question is the area behind the Kings County building. Issues around site selection include parking, trail access, walk ability, and central location.

(f) New School / Old School

Director Phillips reported that a site plan is being developed. The Town will be working on other parts of the project including a roadway connecting west main street, negotiations surrounding the superior propane lands, soccer field replacement, trail work, and traffic studies. He reported that the Town feels confident about the timeline, and that the projected finish date is December 2010.

Points from discussion:

- It was asked whether the trail will be accessible during construction. Director Phillips stated that the hope is that the trail will remain in tact as much as possible, although it may be needed, at times, for machinery.
- The impact of the soccer field loss should be offset by the extra field being put in place at Oakdene, which is currently under used.

(g) ICSP Update

Director Phillips Reported that the first public meeting for the ICSP was held in March. A summary has been compiled, and Director Phillips reported that most of the public comments on green spaces, recreation, trails and arts and culture were positive.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Phillips reviewed his attached report. Topics included upcoming arena events, the 2009 Kentville Home Show, a review of the outdoor winter activities, Kentville Minor Basketball, and after school programs at KCA, as well as the Olympic Torch Run which will be passing through Kentville in November of 2010.

Director Phillips also reported that the Glooscap Curling Club has made a request to council for funding in the amount of 50,000. This request will be considered as a grant by Council.

Points from Discussion:

- It was mentioned that the Curling Club is a vital part of the community, and that support should be given.

- It was asked whether putting money towards repairing an old building would be wise, when the same money could be put towards a new building.

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bentley

that the committee receive the Director's Report as submitted

MOTION CARRIED

INCOME STATEMENTS

(a) Operating and Capital Budgets.

Director Phillips reviewed the income statements ending and reported that at 92% of the year being gone

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Operating Budget 2009/2010

Director Phillips reviewed the attached operating budget for 2009/2010.

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Bentley

that the committee forward the draft operating budget for Recreation to Council for first round

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Capital Budget 2009/2010

Director Phillips reviewed the attached capital budget for 2009/2010.

It was moved by member Lloyd and seconded by member Hockley

that the committee forward the draft capital budget for Recreation to Council for first round

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by member Connell

that the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee be adjourned.

Next Meeting Scheduled for May 21, 2009 6:30pm.

APPROVED