

Kentville Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE JAN 15, 2009

PRESENT

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL
CALL**

Director Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. and reported that all members were present with the exception of Jeff Hockley who arrived at 5:55pm and Fred Cumby who arrived at 6:30pm.

ELECTIONS

(a) Chair

It was moved by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bentley

**that Nola Folker-Hill be appointed as Chair of the
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Vice-Chair

It was moved by Councilor Bentley and seconded by member Connell

**That Bill Boyd be appointed as Vice-Chair of the
Parks and Recreation Committee**

MOTION CARRIED

(c) Recording Secretary

It was moved by member Lloyd and seconded by Councilor Bentley

**That Lindsay Young be appointed Recording
Secretary for the Parks and Recreation Advisory
Committee**

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Boyd and seconded by member Connell

that the agenda be approved as circulated

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

(a) Pumpkin People Contest Winners

Mayor Corkum and Chairperson Nola Folker-Hill presented this year's pumpkin people challenge winners with their certificates and a copy of the newly released *Pumpkin People* book.

(b) Glooscap Curling Club – Facility Renovations

Mr. Davey presented for the committee a PowerPoint presentation regarding the current state of the Glooscap Curling Club which is in need of a new floor. Mr. Davey made mention of the benefits of having the Curling club as part of the community and outlined what actions need to be taken to improve the club. He asked the committee to consider supporting the project. The committee thanked Mr. Davey for the report and will hear from him again, once more information is gathered.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) June 19th, 2008

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Bentley

that the Minutes of June 19th, 2008 be approved with no errors or omissions

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Bonavista Estates Update

Director Phillips reported that the Town was successful in its defence of the lawsuit tried over the summer months. The appeal process has not as yet been pursued. The trail work on the Bonavista site was completed in October. Six play pieces have been ordered.

(b) Ducks Unlimited Update

Director Phillips reported that the trail on the DU side is complete. On the opposite side there have been some issues regarding the retention of water. Work continues.

(c) Friends of the Library Update

Director Phillips reported that the Friends of the Kentville Public Library continue to meet the 2nd Monday of the month at the Library. The main topic of discussion has been site selection.

(d) Trail Development Update – Baden Powell Dr.

Director Phillips reported that the trail at Baden Powell has been completed. The trail slope will allow for motorized wheelchairs.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Phillips reviewed his attached report for the committee. Highlights included information regarding activity at Centennial Arena, field usage, special events and updates to Oakdene Park.

Points from discussion:

- It was mentioned that the baskets for Communities in Bloom were very well maintained and should be kept for a longer period next year.

INCOME STATEMENTS

(a) Operating Budget Update

Director Phillips reviewed the operating Budget for 2008 showing that at 63% of the year being gone recreation has used 65 % of the budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Glooscap Curling Club – Facility Renovations

The committee held discussion on the presentation by Mr. Davey on the Glooscap Curling rink renovations.

Points from Discussion:

- It was the opinion of the committee that The Town's engineer will most likely not play a role in the planning of this project.
- It was suggested that perhaps The Town could dedicate equipment to the project as a less expensive way to contribute.
- It was asked whether or not repairing the old building would be worthwhile in lieu of just constructing a new facility.

(b) Harvest Festival / Pumpkin People

Director Phillips reported that the Harvest Festival was a success again this year. He also noted for the committee that the release of the *Pumpkin People* book provided a boost to this year's festival.

(c) Active Living Coordinator

Active Living Coordinator Jill Trinacty outlined for the committee her action plan, which included many initiatives that will work to increase physical activity in Kentville. Highlights included winter initiatives like an outdoor activity contest online, snow-sculpture competition and snowshoeing clinics. Other discussion included information about the trails, bike racks and the new "TOK in Motion" brand.

(d) Dog Park

Director Phillips reported that some correspondence was received from Michele Grant in support of an off leash Dog Park in Kentville. A presentation will most likely be made to the committee in January.

(e) KCA Gym Rental

Director Phillips reported that there has been a new policy put into place regarding schools and insurance policies. The new agreement passed down from the Deputy Minister states that The School Board no longer requires groups to provide separate proof of insurance for programs operating in the schools.

(f) Soccer Facility / Pool Washrooms

Member Fred Cumby reported that he was unhappy with the conditions of the washroom facilities at the ball and soccer fields over the summer. Member Cumby recommended that the washrooms need to be updated and cleaned on a more regular basis.

Points from discussion:

- Director Phillips noted that he was unaware that there were issues with the washroom facilities and that it will be looked into for next season.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Next Meeting of PRAC will be

on Thursday January 15th, 2008 at 6:00pm.