

**KENTVILLE PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Thursday,
February 14th, 2008:**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Kentville Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Pearl at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

PRESENT:

Chairman Pearl, Councilor Folker-Hill, Committee Member McDougall, Committee member Lloyd, Committee member Cumby, Committee member Hockley, Director Phillips, Facility Manager Bennett, and Recording Secretary Young.

Mayor Corkum present as Ex-Officio.

REGRETS:

Councilor Bolland (away)

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**APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT
AGENDA – Thursday February,
2007:**

It was moved by Member McDougall, and seconded by member Lloyd, that the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT
MINUTES – November 15th, 2007,
and September 20th, 2007.**

Minutes were unavailable. Director Phillips stated that the Minutes will be available for the next committee meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

a) Presentation of Pumpkin People Challenge:

A presentation by Director Phillips and Chairperson Pearl was made to all the residential and business challenge winners for 2007.

b) Minor Ball Association: Bill Lonar provided, for the committee's consideration, a presentation proposing the installation of night time lights on the

little league baseball field. Lonar stated that the lights would increase the available playing time for minor baseball teams and help alleviate the issue surrounding the growing number of children and teams involved in the program that require the use of that field. Also, Lonar requested that the committee consider the addition of a structure 12' by 24' that would house a canteen. Lonar suggested that a canteen would be a great asset to the association, generating a significant amount of additional funds to be put back into the association. Lonar requested that the town provide one third of the funding required for this project. Chairman Pearl thanked Mr. Lonar for his presentation and requested to the committee that discussion of Mr. Lonar's proposal be moved ahead on the agenda. After further discussion and questions from the committee Chairperson Pearl moved to accept the proposal and bring it to council. It was moved by Member Cumby, and Seconded by Member Hockley.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Thursday, May 17th, 2007:

- a) **Bonavista Parkland:** Director Phillips updated the committee on the progress of the Bonavista Estate project. Work on the trails continues but is nearing completion, and will require some touching up in the spring. Director Phillips showed pictures of the trails to the committee and stated the work has been done with minimal impact to the environment.

Phillips also informed the committee that there will be a court hearing regarding Mr. Peterson's objection to the project scheduled for March 10th and 11th at the Kentville courts. Mr. Peterson's latest interim injunction has been withdrawn.

- b) **Ducks Unlimited Update:** Director Phillips reported that development has started on the trail, and that progress continues.

- c) **Kings Physical Activity Strategy:** Director Phillips provided an update concerning the Kings Physical Activity Strategy. Phillips reported that the plan is still in the early stages. A strategy will be developed in order to determine where funds should be spent. Phillips also noted that as a follow up, Kentville will work on developing it's own Physical Activity Strategy.
- d) **Active Transportation:** Director Phillips reported on the promotion of the use of alternative, active forms of transportation. Director Phillips updated the committee on the costs of paving the walking trails. Phillips noted that a benefit of paving the trails would be that it would allow for easier navigation and promote many different forms of active transportation. Issues with paving the trails were also discussed. Paving would mean more effort in maintaining the trails in the future, and paving would be costly. Chairman Pearl thanked Director Phillips for his research and presentation but stated that the committee was not interested in pursuing the paving of the trails at this time.
- e) **Geocache Policy:** Director Phillips reported to the committee that there has been some preliminary discussion about the Geocache policy, however nothing substantial to report.

KAYA – COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report available.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Feb, 2008
Attached:**

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

Highlights included:

- An update on the progress of the Home Show: Phillips commented on the progress of the show and updated the committee on this year's theme "Going Green". Facility Manager Bennett continues to collect vendors.
- Director Phillips provided an overview of

outdoor winter activities including the skate program at KCA. Committee member Cumby noted the value of the KCA skate program and stated that the program has been an enormous success.

- An overview on the Friends of the Library Meeting. There will be a meeting and reception at NSCC on March 25th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to promote plans for the new library.

INCOME STATEMENTS

Director Phillips provided the committee with a summary of the total budget for the Parks and Recreation Department. Phillips reported that 87% of the budget for this year has been depleted and 84% of the year has passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **RNS Volunteer Week:** An Update on the Volunteer Night was provided by Director Phillips in his Director's report. Nothing further to add.

- b) **2008 Funding for Youth Program Development**– Member Cumby reported that the number of kids enrolled in sport programs after the age of 12 is dropping. He proposed that Kentville take a leadership role by providing funding up front in the budget for programs like the minor Basketball program. These funds will be used for the running of academies, and skill development sessions that will promote continued participation in sports.

Chairperson Pearl asked for a motion to support the youth basketball development program by supplying funds in the amount of 1,000 dollars from Parks and Recreation. Member McDougall moved and Member Folker-Hill seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Kentville Minor Baseball Association—
Moved to item (a) under “Presentations”.

d) Bonavista Estates – RFD Application -

e) Parks and Recreation Active Living

Coordinator Position – Director Phillips reported to the committee that the government has decided, through a municipal physical activity program, to provide funding up to 50% for the town to hire an Active Living Coordinator for a term of at least five years. A person in this position would be involved with a number of things including active transportation, new program development, and the promotion and scheduling of different events. It was also noted that council has already approved this position.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Crow’s Nest Proposal – Director Phillips reported to the committee on a letter received from Rodger Cameron, Owner of the Crow’s Nest Golf Course. Mr. Cameron would like the town to buy his property, or a portion of it to build a multi-purpose sports-plex. A motion to receive the correspondence and pass it on to the Planning Advisory Committee was made by Councilor Folker-Hill and seconded by member Hockley. Councilor Folker-Hill will report on the correspondence at the upcoming Planning Advisory Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be on Thursday March 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers unless otherwise notified.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

It was moved by member McDougall that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Chairman Councilor Pearl

Recording Secretary Young