

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

MINUTES January 15, 2009

Approved by Committee April 2, 2009

PRESENT

Chairperson Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Bill Boyd, Councilor Tony Bentley, Director Mark Phillips, member Debbie Lloyd, member Bill Connell, member Jeff Hockley, Active Living Coordinator Jill Trinacty, Recording Secretary Lindsay Young.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Folker-Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and reported that all members were present with the exception of Debbie Lloyd who arrived at 6:05 pm and Fred Cumby who was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by member Connell

that the agenda be approved with the addition of item (e) Burgher Hill under New Business.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) November 25, 2008

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Bentley

that the Minutes of November 25, 2008 be approved as circulated with no errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Bonavista Estates Update

Director Phillips reported that the Town is currently proceeding with the recovery of legal costs through the legal process.

(b) Ducks Unlimited Update

Director Phillips reported that a meeting was held with

the rotary club in November to update them on site development. Timelines have been set. Director Phillips reported that Ducks Unlimited owns the property, however The Town will obtain ownership through a 99 year lease. The process is expected to be concluded by the end of January. Some preliminary interpretive and directional signage is being designed. Ducks Unlimited is helping with the design to ensure consistency. Signage and the bridge are the only two main pieces left to be completed.

(c) Friends of the Library Update

Director Phillips reported that the Friends of the Library Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. Meetings have taken place with traffic engineers. Site selection continues to be the main focus of the group. Director Phillips reported that realistically, site selection could be confirmed by the end of February.

(d) Dog Park

Nothing to report at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Phillips reviewed his attached report. Topics included Centennial Arena parking, 2009 Kentville Home Show, planned Outdoor Winter Activities and Winter Programs at KCA.

Points from Discussion:

- Parking for arena patrons has become a problem. Some discussion took place among the committee surrounding possible remedies for the situation.

It was moved by Councilor Boyd and seconded by member Lloyd

that the Committee receive the Director's Report.

MOTION CARRIED

INCOME STATEMENTS

(a) Operating and Capital Budget

Director Phillips reviewed the attached income Statement for the Month ending December 31, 2008. He reported that with 79% of the year passed, the Recreation Department has depleted 79% of the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) New School / Old School

Director Phillips reported that although no official announcement has been made by the Department of Education regarding site selection, the Town has been advised that the original completion date of December 2010 is still realistic. Additionally, options for use of the old school site are being considered.

(b) ICSP Update

Director Phillips reported that an ICSP Coordinator has been hired to develop the Town's plan.

(c) Ipsos Reid Survey – Recreation Survey

Active Living Coordinator Jill Trinacty reported that as part of the municipal physical activity strategy Ipsos Reid will be conducting a phone survey to determine current physical activity patterns in town, and what type of program and activity needs exist.

Points from discussion:

- It was discussed whether or not an additional question regarding future recreational infrastructure would be beneficial.
- The survey will use a sample of 300 residents.

(d) Physical Activity Strategies

A Physical Activity Strategy is currently being developed for the Town, and will be in place by September 2009.

(e) Burgher Hill

It was reported that snow jump building continues to be a problem at Burgher Hill. Director Phillips stated that Town Staff remove jumps from the site on a regular basis.

ADJOURNMENT

7:35 pm meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for April 2nd 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

