

APPROVED

KENTVILLE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Thursday, March 20th, 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 Cumby, Committee Member Hockley, Director Phillips, and Recording Secretary Young.

REGRETS:

\

Councilor Bolland
Committee Member McDougall
Committee Member Lloyd

APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA – Thursday March 20, 2008:

It was moved by Councilor Folker-Hill, and seconded by Member Cumby, that the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES – November 15th, 2007, and February 14th, 2008.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilor Folker-Hill and SECONDED by Member Hockley to approve the Minutes of November 15th 2007, and February 14th 2008.

MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Thursday, November 15th, 2007:

- a) **Bonavista Estates Update:** Director Phillips updated the Committee on the progress of the Bonavista Estates project. Director Phillips reported that a court hearing took place on March 10th and 11th as scheduled over Mr. Peterson's concerns about the project. The next scheduled court appearance is June 9th 2008. On that date, both sides will finish closing remarks. Director Phillips stated that

the decision is expected to come rather quickly. It has been ordered that no work may be done on the parkland until after June 9th. Chairman Pearl added that both staff and residents are frustrated that things are on hold pending the outcome of the court decision.

- b) Ducks Unlimited Update:** Director Phillips reported to the Committee regarding the Ducks Unlimited Site. Director Phillips reviewed photos of the lands and discussed the flooding of that area. He noted that eventually the lands will fill in to look more like a lake or a pond as was the original vision. Trails on the south side of the river will be high and dry no matter what, and 300 feet took a lot of damage from the flood. Director Phillips discussed the possibility of a barrier to break the flow of the water, although the majority of the site was not impacted. Discussion from the Committee involved developing the site to make it more accessible, and use for skating in the winter.

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

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

Highlights included:

- **Arena Operations:** Director Phillips updated the committee on upcoming events scheduled to take place at the arena. March 30th is the last scheduled day for ice usage.
- **AKHK Fund:** Director Phillips reported that the Active Kids Healthy Kids Committee approved a grant for 1058.88 for the KCA learn to skate program. A luncheon will be held March 25 to award funding to those groups approved for grants.
- **Farmer's Market:** Director Phillips reported to the committee about the addition of some weekend farmer's markets as part of summer events. Director Phillips noted that while it was researched, there is no indication at this point that a weekend market would be a definite success as a permanent function, so it will be tested as part of summer events.

Other summer events being considered include car shows, art shows, centre square movie nights and outdoor theatre presentations. These events will run for 8 to 12 weeks during the summer months.

- **KCA:** Director Phillips reported that presently, site selection has not been finalized. The DOT continues to investigate issues around flooding and the possible construction of another soccer field to complement the school, a connector road, and an extension of West Main Street to increase flow of traffic and create better access to the school.
- **Friends of the library:** Director Phillips informed the Committee of the meeting and reception to take place on March 25 regarding potential building design of the new library and invited members of the Committee to attend.
- **PVA'S and Volunteer Recognition:** Director Phillips reported to the Committee that Frances Shagen has been selected to represent Kentville at the Provincial Volunteer Awards in Halifax on April 24th. Additionally, The Nicholson Family, selected to represent Kentville at the same event, has been selected by the provincial committee as Volunteer Family of the Year. The White Family will be honored at Kentville's awards ceremony and reception on May 1st with the corporate business award.
- **Active Living Coordinator:** Council has approved the addition of this position contingent on Provincial Budget approval.

INCOME STATEMENTS – Operating Budget Update

Director Phillips provided a summary of the total budget for the Parks and Recreation Department for 2007/2008. Director Phillips noted that 92 % of the year has passed, while 95 % of the budget has been depleted. Director Phillips reported that most cost centers have been completed, with the exception of the arena.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Operating Budget for 2008/2009:** Director Phillips reviewed for the committee the

operating budget for 2008/2009. Discussion among the committee evaluated items in the budget including the addition of an Active Living Coordinator, operating costs for the pool, tennis courts, Memorial Park and arena as well as grants and revenue.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilor Folker-Hill and Seconded by Member Hockley to recommend the operating budget to Council as presented by Director Phillips.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Capital Budget for 2008/2009: Pushed forward until next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

N/A

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be on Thursday April 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers unless otherwise notified.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

IT WAS MOVED by Member Cumby and SECONDED by member Hockley that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8: 50 p.m.

Chairman Councilor Pearl

Recording Secretary Young