

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

MINUTES
May 21, 2009

PRESENT

Chairperson Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Tony Bentley, Councilor Bill Boyd, Director Mark Phillips, Facilities Manager Kevin Bennett, , 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 with the exception of Member Debbie Lloyd who sent regrets.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Bently and seconded by member Connell

that the agenda be approved with the addition of item (f) Draft Policy for rental of Town owned Facilities under Business Arising; and item (e) RInC grant under New Business.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) April 2, 2009

It was moved by Councilor Bently and seconded by Member Connell

that the Minutes of April 2, 2009 be approved as with no errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

(a) Ducks Unlimited Update

Director Mark Phillips reported that the Trails currently in place are in relatively good shape to spite some flooding that had occurred over the winter months.

(b) Friends of the Library Update

Director Phillips reported that the Friends remain focused on the project, and the site selection process continues. The Friends have a summer concert series planned that

will serve as part of the major fundraising efforts starting to get underway.

Points from discussion:

- It was asked whether it would be beneficial to join the library with the new school. Discussion revealed that the option had been considered without much support from the Friends.
- It was suggested that the option of the Library being in the same location as the school be re-addressed at a future Library meeting.

(c) New School/Old School

Director Phillips provided an overview of plans currently in place for the New School. He reviewed maps showing where a new connector road will be constructed to join Park Street and West Main Street, and illustrated for the committee where some trail work will be done. Director Phillips reported that two thirds of the work needed to be done on the road will be funded by a federal grant. There has been little to no discussion about what will happen to the old KCA.

(d) ICSP Update

Director Phillips Reported that the process is moving forward. The second of five public meetings was held on Tuesday May 19th. Director Phillips encouraged the committee to attend future meetings.

(e) Operating and Capital Budgets 2009/2010

Director Phillips reviewed for the committee the attached operating and capital budgets for 2009/2010. Review included outlining costs for upcoming projects including work on the Rec Centre, which needs a commercial dishwasher to keep up with Food Safety regulations, and some asbestos removal. Other projects included downtown benches and lighting, fencing for the Tennis Courts and Field Upgrades to Oakdene Park.

(f) Draft Policy of Rental for Town Facilities

Director Phillips reported that the current policy and contract and has determined that they are adequate. He reported that he is confident with the contracts that are

being used, and great care is taken to ensure that all rentals are paid in full at the time when payment is due.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Phillips reviewed his attached report. Topics included a recap of the Kentville Home Show, updates on Memorial Park activity, Apple Blossom 2009 and Summer Programs.

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bentley

that the committee receive the Director's Report as submitted

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NEW BUSINESS

(a) Trail Development

Director Phillips reported plans for future development of trails on the Shannex property, the DU Site and the new school site.

(b) Apple Blossom Festival 2009

Director Phillips distributed programs for the 2009 Apple Blossom Festival and reviewed events planned for the week in Kentville including concerts, the Grand Street and Children's Parades, fireworks and mainland amusements. He also announced that this year Princess Kentville is Lindsay Pearl.

(c) Gym Enhancements for New School

Member Fred Cumby asked the committee to consider supporting a case for a larger sized gym than the currently planned gym. The committee recommended that Mr. Cumby complete some research surrounding the process. Therefore;

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Bentley

that further research be done surrounding the process and cost of a bigger gym at the new school

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(d) Non-Smoking in Town owned Recreation Facilities Bylaw

Director Phillips reported that the Bylaw was given second reading and will be in effect as soon as it has been published publicly.

(e) RInC Grant Application

Director Phillips reported that currently, two applications are being prepared for approval from Parks and Recreation and Council. He outlined plans for an application for bridge construction at the Ducks Unlimited site, and asked the committee for support to apply for funding to turn the track field (#4) into an all-weather field with lights and fencing.

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Bently

that the Parks and Recreation Committee support the Recreation Department in the pursuit of a grant to create an all weather field in Kentville

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by member Connell

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

MOTION CARRIED

Next Meeting Scheduled for September 17th 2009.