

**KENTVILLE PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Thursday,
November 15th, 2007:**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

PRESENT:

Member Jeff Hockley, Member Eric Bolland, Member Fred Cumby, Member Debbie Lloyd, Councilor Nola Folker-Hill, CAO Bill Boyd, Director Mark Phillips, Deputy Mayor Mark Pearl.

ABSENT:

Member Dave McDougall

REGRETS:

Facility Manager Kevin Bennett

AMMENDMENTS:

Committee Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair amended under Approval of the Draft Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT
AGENDA – Thursday November 15th,
2007**

IT WAS MOVED by Member McDougall, and SECONDED by Member Lloyd, that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee received Deputy Mayor, Mark Pearl as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Councilor Eric Bolland as Vice Chair.

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

Minutes were unavailable.

PRESENTATIONS:

a) **Kentville Minor Baseball Association:**

- **ABSENT**

b) Kiern Pathways - Active Transportation Bike Lanes:

- A presentation was given by Glynn Bissix about active transportation regarding bike lanes initiative in Kings County. The presentation was received by the Committee.
- **REPORT ATTACHED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Thursday, September 20th, 2007:

- a) **Bonavista Estates Update:** Director Phillips provided an update for the Committee's information on the Trail system design.
- b) **Ducks Unlimited Update:** Director Phillips provided an update on the Ducks Unlimited project and the progress of trail development. A viewing station has been constructed.
- c) **Communities in Bloom:** Director Phillips updated the Committee on the Communities in Bloom Provincial Competition for which the Town received 5 out of 5 blooms, and an Honorable Mention for the Ducks Unlimited project.
- d) **Kings Partnership Steering Committee – Recreation Review:** Director Phillips reported that the review has been completed and will be forwarded to the respective Councils.
- e) **RNS Conference – Digby Pines Oct 17 -20, 2007:** Director Phillips reported that he, Councillor Folker-Hill, Councillor Bolland and Mayor Corkum attended this year's conference. Highlights of discussions at the conference included active transportation,

physical activity strategies, and outdoor gym equipment.

- f) **Harvest Festival / Pumpkin People 2007:** Director Phillips announced for the Committee's information the winners of the 2007 Pumpkin People Challenge.

KAYA – COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilor Folker-Hill reported to the Committee that “Guys on the Go” and Girls on the Go” programs are active, and a skate donation newsletter has been sent out to support the skating program.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT –November, 2007 Attached:

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

INCOME STATEMENTS and OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE

Director Phillips provided the Committee with a summary of the total budget, and a review of the operating budget for Parks and Recreation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Kentville Minor Baseball:** No discussion
- b) **Active Transportation – Bike Lanes:** Director Phillips reviewed a report submitted by Director of Engineering and Works Hal Henderson regarding the inclusion of bike lanes within Kentville’s current streets. Director Henderson concluded that bike lanes would be a possible for Park Street and East Main, but through downtown it would be impossible without the elimination of a parking lane. Director Henderson’s Report was received by the Committee.
- c) **5% Parkland – Brother’s and Fox Hollow Subdivision:** Director Phillips updated the Committee on Parklands for both subdivisions. The intent for both subdivisions is to use the land

for trails.

- c) **Kings Physical Activity Strategy:**
Discussion included bike lanes and active transportation. Many options were considered. Discussion led to the following recommendation by the committee:

IT WAS MOVED by Member Bolland and SECONDED by Councilor Folker-Hill that Director Phillips research the cost of paving the Kentville Trail and the addition of lighting for the January meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

- e) **AVESTA:** Director Phillips reported on the events and happenings of AVESTA. Director Phillips is Treasurer of the Association.

- f) **Geocache – Town of Kentville Land:**
Director Phillips Provided an overview regarding Geocaching as a result of concerns brought to the Recreation Department about the activity taking place on Town land. The Committee discussed some concerns such as the need for a policy regarding public and night time usage of parkland and the possible use of signage. As a result of the discussion the following recommendation was made:

IT WAS MOVED by Councilor Folker-Hill and SECONDED by Member Bolland that the recommendation of the development of a policy regarding open space use be passed on to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- g) **Green Gym Outdoor Fitness Equipment:**

Director Phillips reported that the outdoor gym equipment has been ordered. Delivery is expected in 8-12 weeks.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

At this time Chairman Pearl recognized the public in attendance and opened the floor to any person wishing to add anything.

I. Brothers Subdivision: Robert Smith and Andy Dean spoke in support of the development of a green space in the subdivision. The intention is to use that green space for trails.

II. Youth Fitness Development: Committee Member Cumby requested that the item of Youth Fitness Development be added to the next meeting's agenda.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The Next Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 17th, 2008 in the Town hall Council Chambers unless otherwise notified.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman Councilor Pearl