

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

## **MINUTES**

### **Sept 17, 2009**

#### **APPROVED BY COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

**PRESENT**

Councilor Bill Boyd, Director Mark Philips, Member Jeff Hockley, Member Debbie Lloyd, Member Bill Connell, Recording Secretary Lindsay Young.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL  
CALL**

Vice Chairman Councilor Bill Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. and reported that all members were present with the exception of Chairman Nola Folker-Hill, Councilor Bentley and Member Fred Cumby who all sent regrets.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Connell and seconded by Member Lloyd

**that the agenda be approved with the addition of item (e) RNS Conference October, 2009 under New Business**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**(a) April 2, 2009**

It was moved by Member Connell and seconded by Member Lloyd

**that the Minutes of May 21, 2009 be approved as submitted with no errors or omissions.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES**

**(a) Ducks Unlimited Update**

Director Mark Phillips reported that some progress has been made over the summer months. Work continues on the west side of the Trail to increase water retention. The bridge which will allow for access from the rear of the Kings County Building has been ordered with an anticipated arrival date at the beginning of November

2009.

**(b) Friends of the Library Update**

Director Phillips reported that Council has recently approved support for the site located behind the County of Kings building. A site celebration will be held on Saturday October 3, 2009 on the site at 2:00pm.

**(c) New School/Old School**

Director Phillips reviewed the layout of the new school including parking, bus lay-bys, sidewalks, crosswalks and outdoor sports facilities. Director Phillips also reviewed some plans for future walk-to-school programs. Director Phillips stated that any trees that are in the way of construction will be transplanted to other locations. He also reported that the Town has requested that the new school remain called "KCA".

**(d) Bonavista Estates Update**

Director Phillips reported that the play structures are now in place on the parkland at Bonavista. Low risk structures have been added to the natural environment. The space is very accessible, and two other entry points will be pushed through in the future. The park space has been positively received so far.

**(e) Trail Development Update**

Director Phillips reported that the section of Trail from west main street to the new school site has been paved. That section is a combination of 8 feet of paved and 4 feet of crusher dust trail. Active Living Coordinator Nichole Lutz is currently working on signage for the Trail.

Director Phillips also reported that the Department received a \$20,000 grant from the federal government to put towards trail development.

**(f) Non-Smoking Parks and Open Spaces Bylaw**

Director Phillips reported that the bylaw has been put in place and signage is on order.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Phillips reviewed his attached report. Topics included Oakdene Park, updates to Centennial Arena and a recap of camps and summer programs.

It was moved by Member Lloyd and seconded by  
Member Connell

**that the committee receive the Director's  
Report as submitted**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **INCOME STATEMENTS**

### **(a) Income Statements**

Director Phillips reviewed the income statements for Parks and Recreation for the month ending August 31, 2009. He reported that to date, 42% of the year has passed, and 49% of the budget has been spent.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **(a) Apple Blossom Festival re: "Home of the Festival"**

Director Phillips read a letter received from the Apple Blossom Festival office suggesting the creation of an ad hoc committee to come up with a monument to erect recognizing Kentville as the birthplace of the Festival.

It was moved by Member Connell and seconded by  
Member Hockley

**that the Parks and Recreation Committee  
support the initiative of the Apple Blossom  
Festival to establish a monument recognizing  
Kentville as the birthplace of the Festival**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **(b) Fred Cumby re: "regional Training Facility at old KCA"**

Director Phillips read a letter received from Committee Member Cumby who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Cumby requested in the correspondence that the committee consider supporting a case for using the old KCA building as a regional facility. After some discussion, the Committee decided that more specific information must be gathered for the committees review before a formal statement of support will be issued. Director Phillips will communicate this to Member Cumby.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Kentville Physical Activities Strategy**

Director Phillips introduced the recently completed Physical Activity Strategy to committee members. The committee will take the next few weeks to review the strategy and go over it in more detail. Formal approval of the Strategy will be added to the agenda of the November meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Member Lloyd and seconded by Member Connell

**that the committee receive the Kentville Physical Activity Strategy as submitted**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) Relocation of Kentville VIC**

Director Phillips reported that that a proposal was received from Destination Southwest suggesting that the Kentville VIC be relocated to the downtown. This new VIC would operate year round, as a partnership between the Town and Destination Southwest who would use the space as a regional office. The County of Kings has committed to provide equal funding.

Points of Discussion:

- Some concern was expressed about the site not allowing for easy access, or parking.
- It was suggested that the downtown would be a good place to put the VIC year-round, but that alternative sites should be considered to alleviate potential traffic flow and parking issues.

**(c) Public Interest in Memorial Pool Retro-fit**

**(d) MacDougall Heights 5% Parkland**

Director Phillips reported that in the area of MacDougall Heights where development is occurring, parkland is being designated for future development of a Trail that

will allow access to the Paticipark from MacDougall Heights. Additionally, land is being allotted to the Town for future development of a green space.

**(e) RNS Conference October, 2009**

Director Phillips reported that the conference this year is taking place from October 14-17 2009 and invited any interested members to contact him for details.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Member Bill and seconded by Member Lloyd

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Next Meeting Scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers.**

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