

**MINUTES
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017
6:30 PM
CARDINAL INGREDION CENTRE**

Present: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Chair
Mayor Sayeau (ex officio)
Clint Cameron
Lucas Billet
Ray Heuvel
Sandra Gibbons
Liz Wood (left at 7:41pm)

Staff: Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator
Rebecca Williams, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: L. Billet seconded by: R. Heuvel that Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None

4. Business Arising from Previous Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes (if any)

Deputy Mayor Taylor noted the typographical error and explained the change to the Committee.

5. Delegations & Presentations – None

6. Discussion Items

a) Canada 150 Programs

The Community Development Coordinator summarized the Canada and Ontario 150 grant applications, noting that the Township was successful in 2 grants through the Ontario 150 program. Staff noted that there will be an announcement/event for the Johnstown Pool Filter grant.

Members noted that the Community Grants & Donations applications are open and available to the public. Committee briefly discussed the application and review process, noting that if there are funds left after the grants and donations are determined then those funds could be allocated towards Canada 150 celebrations. Members confirmed the Community Grants & Donations deadline and how to access the application form.

Members noted that an application or report with respect to barn quilting may be ready for the March 8 meeting with a request to Council for funding.

b) Facilities Review

Members requested that facilities statistics be included in the March 8 agenda package. Committee enquired about the Recreation Coordinator's absence. Committee discussed the seniors activities offered at Walker House in Prescott, noting that the Township currently reimburses seniors that are 65 and over for the extra non-resident cost. Members noted the need to have more group organizations available in the Township, noting that it would require a group of dedicated volunteers to manage such a project.

Staff noted that there are various activities offered within the Township for different age groups, including; yoga, fitness for seniors, dance class, as well as groups that are interested in starting line dancing and square dancing nights.

Committee reviewed photos that a committee member had taken of the Galop Canal, noting that a recommendation package with pricing and design for a ladder may be ready for the March 8 meeting. Committee discussed the Galop Canal area and where the ladder(s) would best serve for swimmers and as a safety precaution. Members noted that the SNC and Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans may need to be contacted to confirm that a ladder would be permitted in the area.

c) New Ideas Brainstorming

Committee discussed the upcoming Port Day event at the Port of Johnstown, scheduled for June 10, 2017. Members noted that there may be a Canoe/Kayak poker run hosted by the Port of Johnstown and that volunteers are needed at various locations to disburse the cards and oversee safety measures.

Committee discussed the recreation/tourism website idea that was previously discussed at the January Recreation Advisory Committee meeting. Members discussed the idea to develop an "app" and road signage to promote the directory website. It was noted that road signage does not permit the advertisement of websites or "apps" due to MTO regulations with respect to road safety and distracted driving. Members highlighted that the Township allocated

money to updating the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Visitors Guide and that the information could be linked to the Township website.

Members suggested that the Committee should focus on the Recreational aspect, and start with further developing the Township Community Calendar. Members suggested that the online Community Calendar could be made more useful by colour coding events and programs. Committee discussed whether the Township should consider adding a second Community Calendar to the Township website that's focused on recreation, history and promoting events.

Committee discussed the current business/tourism database that is offered through the UCLG Economic Development website, and how the Members' website idea differs. Staff noted the time and work needed to develop and maintain the current Township website, as well as additional possible costs to develop another website/directory. Members briefly discussed the UCLG Economic Development website, noting that the UCLG lists housing and lands for sale. Committee suggested that Mr. Heuvel request a delegation for the Community Development Committee once he has his presentation prepared for the website idea.

Members highlighted that the ECBA television advertisement in the arena has not been updated recently. Committee suggested that the contact details for the Recreation Coordinator and Community Development Coordinator should be listed on the television advertisement roll.

Liz Wood left the Committee meeting at 7:41pm.

Members enquired about the cost to colour code the Community Calendar. Staff noted that they would need to contact the web developer for a quote.

Moved by: S. Gibbons seconded by: C. Cameron that Committee directs staff to obtain a quote from the web developer with respect to the cost of colour coding the Community Calendar.

Carried

d) Eyes in the Community – None

7. Information Items

a) Next Meeting Location – Cardinal, March 8th

Members confirmed that the next Recreation Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 8, 2017 at the Cardinal Ingredient Centre.

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion from Committee Members – None

9. Question Period – None
10. Closed Session – None
11. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Gibbons that Committee does now adjourn at 7:50pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 27th day of February, 2017.

Chair

Deputy Clerk