

**MINUTES
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016
6:30 PM
INGREDION CENTRE**

Present: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Chair
Councillor Morrell
Mayor Sayeau (ex officio)
Lucas Billet
Liz Wood
Ray Heuvel

Regrets: Clint Cameron
Don Deline
Kristina Kinos
Sandra Gibbons
Pat Tierney

Staff: Mike Spencer, Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities
Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator
Rebecca Williams, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: R. Heuvel seconded by: L. Billet 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) – None

5. Delegations & Presentations – None

6. Discussion Items

a) Donations & Donation Signage

Members discussed the costs associated with the text to donate idea and agreed that it could be a worthwhile venture to try next year. Members noted that the Township is required to become a certified donée, registered with the CRA, and hold the status for 1 year. Members suggested that the Community Development Coordinator could look into the registration process with the CRA and report back to Committee. Members discussed other various options to collect donations, such as pay and park locations, drop off donations to the Cardinal Legion, and signage with suggested donation amounts.

b) Facilities Review

Members referenced and discussed Information Item 7a) Recreation Fee Schedule Update and 7b) Arena Operations Review throughout the Discussion Item 6b) as it indirectly affects facilities in the Township.

Members discussed the baseball diamonds in Cardinal and Johnstown with respect to how the Township could increase the use of the ball diamonds and how often they are currently being used. Members suggested various fundraising options, such as a charity ball tournament or obstacle course events, to promote the use of the ball fields and whether or not the cost to use the facilities is a deterrent. Members discussed the idea of converting one of the ball diamonds into a soccer field to provide a skills training boot camp to compete with neighbouring towns.

Members discussed ways to increase the use of the Cardinal and Spencerville arenas with respect to creating a structured schedule to promote un-booked/non-prime time hours. Members reviewed options to increase usage of the facilities including; women's hockey, seniors skating, indoor ball hockey, drone racing, and boot camp skating exercises.

Members noted the chair aerobics class, which uses the Johnstown Community Centre, is in need of funding assistance. Members discussed various organizations and Ministry funding that the Recreation Coordinator could look into once an individual is hired.

Moved by: L. Wood seconded by: L. Billet that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to look into hiring a full time Recreation Coordinator for all aspects of facilities in the Township and to ascertain what monies are available to fulfill the salary for the remainder of 2016 from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 and to further accommodate for next year's budget.

Carried

Members reviewed the SERA Request List Status Update and commented on the repairs needed at the Johnstown tennis court. Members discussed new ideas to increase the use of the facilities, specifically a multi-use surface area

with various design options and models that are available and to bring ideas forward to the next Committee meeting on June 9th.

Members briefly discussed weed control measures for the Galop Canal.

Councillor Morrell left the Committee meeting at 7:50 pm, resulting in quorum being lost.

Committee adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Remaining members continued a discussion regarding:

- Kayak/Canoe rentals for the Galop Canal
- Narrated kayak tours with historical summary of the Township
- Members confirmed that the next Recreation Advisory Committee is being held on June 9th, 2016 in Johnstown

These minutes were approved in open Council this 24th day of May, 2016.

Chair

Deputy Clerk