

**MINUTES  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016  
6:30 PM  
JOHNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Taylor, Chair  
Councillor Morrell  
Clint Cameron  
Lucas Billet  
Sandra Gibbons  
Ray Heuvel

**Regrets:** Mayor Sayeau (ex officio)  
Don Deline  
Kristina Kinos  
Pat Tierney  
Liz Wood

**Staff:** 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: S. Gibbons 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)

Members noted that the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport grant for a Recreation Coordinator was successful and interviews for the position start next week. Staff updated Committee with respect to the “Text to Donate” idea, noting that the Township is automatically considered a certified donee through the CRA.

5. Delegations & Presentations – None

6. Discussion Items

a) Multi-Surface pad – Lucas Billet

Members discussed the Canada 150 Grant Applications and how the idea of the multi-surface pad could be included as part of the applications from the Township. Members discussed the proposed multi-surface pad idea which included keeping one tennis court and converting the other to a skateboard “funbox” area. Members noted the various costs associated with resurfacing the tennis court and building a skateboard “funbox”, comparing skateboard structures made from steel, concrete and wood.

Members discussed the idea of converting the Johnstown Tennis Courts to include a multi-surface area which could be used for multiple sports, such as basketball, badminton, ball hockey, pickle ball etc., which could expand the options available to the community. Members noted many multi-surface areas are designed with a special rubberize base to include the different boundary lines for the various sports.

**Moved** by: S. Gibbons seconded by: L. Billet that Committee recommends that Council support the repurposing of the Johnstown Tennis Courts to include a multi-surface sports pad with various sports boundary lines and nets, and a portion of the new surface being dedicated to a skateboard “funbox” park.

Carried

b) Kayak Rental – Peggy Taylor

Members noted that there is interest in kayak/canoe rentals at the Galop Canal. The company for the poker run is completely booked for the 2016 summer. Members noted that there could be interest for next summer.

c) Facilities Review

I. Cardinal

Members noted that the Ingridion Centre is closed from May 30<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup> and commented on various ways to increase the use of the facilities. Members remarked on the lack of available ice times in the Ottawa area and noted that the Township ought to advertise the available facilities. Members briefly discussed the use of the baseball diamonds in Cardinal. Members remarked on some recently received feedback in the community with respect to the care and maintenance of the Legion park and walking trail.

**Moved** by: C. Cameron seconded by: S. Gibbons that Committee recommend that Council advertise the Township arena facilities in the Greater Ottawa area for available ice time rentals.

Carried

II. Johnstown

Members noted that there will be a "Pool Party" hosted by SERA on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Johnstown pool.

III. Spencerville

Members noted that the skateboard park and baseball diamond in Spencerville are being well used in the Community. Members remarked on the Spencerville Mill Park being well kept.

IV. Galop Canal

Members briefly discussed the cormorant control initiative and how the Galop Canal Park is frequently used on evenings and weekends.

d) New Ideas Brainstorming

Members suggested the idea to include benches and/or picnic tables along the Galop Canal Park for visitors to sit along the water and enjoy the scenery. Members commented on who would supply and build the benches and/or picnic tables. Members briefly discussed the beach at the Legion Park and if it was a viable option to add sand to the beach area. Members noted various avenues to help deter the geese along the Galop Park.

e) Eyes in the Community

Members noted that ideas and comments were discussed throughout the above discussion items.

7. Information Items

a) Next Meeting Location – Spencerville July 14<sup>th</sup>

Members confirmed that the next Recreation Advisory Committee is being held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Spencerville.

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

9. Question Period

The multi-surface pad idea was supported by members of the gallery.

It was noted that the "Pool Party" being held on June 25<sup>th</sup> will also have a baseball game scheduled. The Johnstown Community Centre will be hosting a "Paint Night Party" on September 18<sup>th</sup> with Galop Gallery.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the P&G day of caring for the Johnstown area, which will include resetting bricks, painting the bleachers and installing new horse shoe pit boards and new sand.

An issue was raised regarding the damage to the outdoor washrooms and need for repair/upkeep in Johnstown.

A question was raised with respect to the signage on Galop Canal Road and if it was going to be replaced. The member of the gallery also brought forward the idea of setting up picnic tables off of County Road 2 overlooking the Galop Canal and Legion Park. Members requested that the picnic table discussion be brought forward to the Community Development Committee meeting.

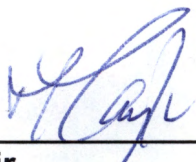
10. Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

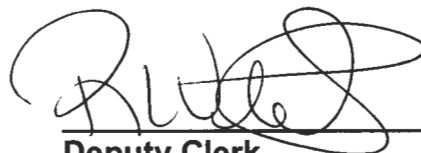
**Moved** by: G. Morrell seconded by: R. Heuvel that Committee does now adjourn at 7:52pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.



Chair



Deputy Clerk