

**MINUTES
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017
6:30 PM
CARDINAL INGREDION CENTRE**

Present: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Chair
Ray Heuvel
Sandra Gibbons
Lucas Billett
Clint Cameron
Mayor Sayeau (ex officio)

Staff: Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator
Hope Dalton, Recreation Programs Coordinator
Mike Spencer, Facilities Manager

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: R. Heuvel seconded by: S. Gibbons 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 that she had taken the bridge tables from the Johnstown Community hall and returned them back to the Church.

5. Delegations & Presentations – None

6. Discussion Items

a) SNC Programs

Deputy Mayor Taylor spoke to committee members about various programs that South Nation Conservation offers to its member municipalities. The first is a 'learn to fish' program for youth, which could include financial assistance with installing an accessible dock. She also noted that SNC have assisted other municipalities in the past with conservation area and walking path programs that the Township may want to explore for revitalizing the vacant parcel of land just north of the Legion in Cardinal.

Moved by: R. Heuvel seconded by: S. Gibbons that Committee recommend that Council direct staff to follow up with South Nation regarding potential partnerships in offering programs such as fishing and undertaking projects such as dock installations and park beautification.

Carried

b) Eyes in the Community

The committee discussed the ladder at the Galop Canal park which has now been installed. Additionally, the Committee discussed options for assisting swimmers to enter and exit the water at the swimming area across the second bridge at the Galop Canal park.

Members from the Gallery requested that the Walking Track hours be extended to weekday mornings 8:00-9:30 am. Currently the Walking track is operating under summer hours, making it open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-9:30 am.

Moved by: S. Gibbons seconded by: L. Billett that Committee recommend that Council extend the summer walking track hours to weekdays 8:00-9:30am.

Carried

The Committee discussed evening swimming lessons at both pools, as well as the possibility of offering roller skating on the arena floor when the Ice is out. The Recreation Coordinator will look into that idea.

It was noted that Spencerville residents seem to be interested in a splash pad. Locations and cost estimates would need to be explored before any further discussion was possible.

7. Information Items

a) Recreation Coordinator Update

The Coordinator reviewed the report provided to the Committee. Committee members remarked on the significant increase in Summer Camp enrollment in 2017 compared to past years, which was attributed to low cost of camp, full day programming offered, exciting day trips and the closure of the Prescott camp.

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion from Committee Members

The Deputy Mayor inquired about a facilities update. The quarterly update will be provided at the Public Works, Environmental Services and Facilities Committee of the Whole.

9. Question Period – None

