

**MINUTES  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016  
6:30 PM  
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Taylor, Chair  
Councillor Morrell  
Mayor Sayeau (ex officio)  
Clint Cameron  
Lucas Billet  
Pat Tierney  
Ray Heuvel (arrived 6:32pm)

**Regrets:** Sandra Gibbons  
Don Deline  
Kristina Kinos  
Liz Wood

**Staff:** Mike Spencer, Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities  
Hope Dalton, Recreation Coordinator  
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: P. Tierney 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 Canada 150 Improvement of Johnstown Sport Courts Grant submission has been added to the package for review in the Discussion Item 6a) II. Johnstown. Committee welcomed the Recreation Coordinator, Hope Dalton, to the Township.

5. Delegations & Presentations – None

## 6. Discussion Items

### a) Facilities Review

#### I. Cardinal

Members noted that the Walking Track at the Ingression Centre is open and a number of residents are using the facility. The Committee reviewed the Arena Use Strategy, as it pertains to the Ingression Centre. Members discussed the early morning adult skating, noting that some residents want to start skating very early in the morning before the arena staff has officially opened. Staff noted that the public should be made aware that the adult skating in the morning runs from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, as there have been residents arriving as early as 7:20 am. Staff mentioned that it is difficult for the arena staff to complete their required morning tasks when people arrive an hour early, as they need to finish the flooding, cleaning, and outside maintenance. It was noted that the Spencerville arena holds adult public skating on Wednesday's and Friday's as well. Members deliberated if an 8am open of the Ingression Centre may be a workable compromise.

Committee noted that drone racing is still an interesting idea and members will research and discuss with people who may be interested in using the facilities for practice.

Members discussed the Cardinal baseball diamonds and noted that there are currently only 2 minor level baseball teams using the main diamond while Johnstown has 9 teams. Members discussed the idea of converting either the tennis court or the second ball diamond into extra parking for the Ingression Centre. Members agreed that there is limited parking, especially on weekends, hockey tournaments, and when there is a special event. Members noted the possibility of extending the west side parking lot to accommodate the increase.

Members enquired about the baby pool usage, with staff noting that a tally of the overall pool statistics will be available at the end of the swimming season.

Members briefly discussed the Cardinal Legion Park area, noting that staff has been hard at work painting the Pavilion and picnic tables, as well as controlling the wild parsnip. Goose prevention methods along the Galop Canal shore were discussed.

#### II. Johnstown

Committee put forward the idea to start cooking and bridge classes at the Johnstown Community Centre and, with the help of the Recreation Coordinator, to organize bus tours and excursions for seniors.

Committee reviewed the Canada 150 Grant Submission for the Johnstown Sports Courts. Staff summarized the recently announced Ontario 150 Grant. Members noted that work on the sports courts and pools are a higher priority than other facilities for funding applications.

III. Spencerville – None

IV. Galop Canal

Members briefly discussed the cormorant control initiative.

b) New Ideas Brainstorming

Members brought forward the idea to include a canoe/kayak poker run at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Port Day. Members suggested that the canoes and kayaks could be launched at the small beach near the Port of Johnstown and make their way down the river to the Cardinal Legion. Members noted that SERA may be interested in participating.

Members briefly discussed the idea to install a ladder along Galop Canal to assist swimmers getting in and out, instead of trying to climb up stones. Staff noted that there signs along the Canal warning swimmers to “swim at own risk”. Members commented that installing a ladder would be a liability issue for the Township, and staff should consult with the insurance company to confirm.

e) Eyes in the Community

Members noted that they heard about the weed control measures on the local radio stations. Members commented on the flower boxes on the Spencerville bridge and the various hanging baskets and flower beds in Cardinal. Members suggested a kid’s duct tape boat race for the Labour Day festivities in Cardinal.

Mayor Sayeau left the Committee meeting at 7:45 pm.

## 7. Information Items

a) Arena Use Strategy

Members noted that Arena Use Strategy was discussed throughout the above discussion items.

b) Next Meeting Location – Cardinal, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Members confirmed that the next Recreation Advisory Committee is being held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Cardinal.

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion from Committee Members

Councillor Morrell commended the Community Development Coordinator's work on the Canada 150 grant submissions.

9. Question Period – None

10. Closed Session – None


11. Adjournment

**Moved** by: R. Heuvel seconded by: C. Cameron that Committee does now adjourn at 7:47pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

  
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Chair

  
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Deputy Clerk