

**MINUTES
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
6:30 PM
CARDINAL INGREDION CENTRE**

Present: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Chair
Ray Heuvel
Lucas Billett

Regrets: Mayor Sayeau (ex officio)
Clint Cameron
Sandra Gibbons

Staff: Rebecca Williams, Deputy Clerk
Mike Spencer, Facilities Manager

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: R. Heuvel seconded by: L. Billett 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 confirmed that the walking track is open for users and will be discussed during the 2018 budget deliberations.

5. Delegations & Presentations – None

6. Discussion Items

a) Public Skating Costs

The Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities summarized the report and noted that in 2016 the Cardinal Youth Centre received a grant through Healthy Kids Community Challenge to cover the cost of public skating for one year. Members noted that the Township currently waives the fee for public swimming, and by waiving the fee for public skating, may result in the continued increase of skaters participating in the public skating times.

Members discussed donation options, including a donation box in the arenas and a text to donate concept, to assist the Township in recovering waived costs. There was a general discussion with respect to the collection of money from the donation box and locations to set up “text to donate” signage. Members suggested to amend the recommendation to revisit “text to donate” services.

Moved by: L. Billett seconded by: R. Heuvel that Committee recommend that Council waive the fees for public skating for the 2017-2018 season and direct staff to revisit “text to donate” services throughout Township locations as previously discussed at the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Carried

b) Eyes in the Community

It was noted that Bridge starts back in Johnstown on Thursday September 21 in the afternoons. There was a general discussion with respect to starting the women’s hockey games and other avenues the Recreation Coordinator can investigate to increase facilities usage.

Members noted their interest to have the triangular parcel of land north of the Cardinal Legion developed into a park with walking and sitting areas. It was noted that the SNC may be interested in assisting with the funding to development to land and make a dock that is accessible for disabled users.

Members suggested that the Township could host outdoor movie nights, similar to Brockville and Prescott, with donations being given to the local Food For All Food Bank. Committee requested that staff research the material required and costs associated with the event. Members noted that they would contact a resource about the movie projection and sound system.

7. Information Items

a) Cardinal Arena Pay Per Use Heaters

Committee reviewed the report and the Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities highlighted that users can insert one dollar into the system and heaters will run for 15 minutes. Members enquired how the funds from the heaters are collected and who is responsible for the collection.

b) Summer Program Report

The Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities summarized the Summer Program Report and highlighted the new Leaders in Training (LIT) program and recommended changes to the Township swim teams for 2018. Committee noted that the youth involved in the LIT program were able to provide feedback which can help to improve the program next year. Members noted that the SNC runs a youth focused summer program and may be interested in contributing and

assisting the LIT program. There was a general discussion with respect to the day camps and the possibility of selecting different locations and events for the camps in 2018.

Committee asked for clarification with respect to the Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities suggestion to combine the Cardinal and Johnstown swim times into one swim team throughout the Township. It was noted that the Township and lifeguards would have control over the swim team and may result in cost savings at the swim meets and competitions.

Moved by: L. Billett seconded by: R. Heuvel that Committee recommend that Council support the change to a single Township run swim team for Edwardsburgh Cardinal.

Carried

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion from Committee Members – None
9. Question Period – None
10. Closed Session – None
11. Adjournment

Moved by: L. Billett that Committee does now adjourn at 7:21pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 24th day of July, 2017.

Chair

Deputy Clerk