

**MINUTES  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016  
6:30 PM  
CARDINAL INGREDION CENTRE**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Taylor, Chair  
Councillor Morrell (arrived at 6:40pm)  
Liz Wood  
Lucas Billet  
Pat Tierney  
Ray Heuvel

**Regrets:** Mayor Sayeau (ex officio)  
Clint Cameron  
Sandra Gibbons  
Don Deline  
Kristina Kinos

**Staff:** Debra McKinstry, CAO/Clerk  
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: R. Heuvel 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 brought forward a list of recommendations that have been discussed at previous meetings where quorum was not reached. Members reviewed the list of 18 recommendations that were presented in the summary, noting the many ways to encourage and promote recreation activities throughout the Township. Members briefly commented on the historical significance of Fort Levis and the historical homes in the Township. Members noted the multiple

recommendations to improve and sustain public areas such as the Galop Canal, Legion Way, and municipal parks.

Councillor Morrell arrived at 6:40pm.

**Moved** by: R. Heuvel seconded by: L. Wood that Committee recommends that Council support the recommendations presented at the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Carried

5. Delegations & Presentations – None

6. Discussion Items

a) Recreation Guides

The Recreation Coordinator and Community Development Coordinator provided background information with respect to the 2016-2017 Recreation Guides. It was noted that the guides will be produced and published in-house and will be provided to the community at various locations. The Committee mentioned that the guides are produced to provide the community with a resource that outlines a general overview of the different programming that is offered within the Township throughout the different seasons. Members made suggestions as to where the guides could be located and made available to residents, including the Township office, arenas, website and social media, libraries, churches, and other community centres. Members noted that the guides include events and activities that are available through various groups and organizations in the Township.

Members enquired if the Township has considered paid advertisements in the guides to help offset the production costs. Members briefly discussed the idea of a cardboard and duct tape boat race being held during one of the community or Township festivals/events. Members suggested that the public schools and high schools in the area could be contacted to encourage participation in the boat races.

b) Programs Update

Committee reviewed the various programs, noting that Y on the Fly is a seniors program that is currently finalizing contracts with the Brockville YMCA. The Camp Programs are available for 2016-2017 for PA days, Christmas and March break, hosted at the Drummond Building, and will be using the Spencerville Arena for skating activities. Members noted that the camp programs are advertised in flyers and on the Township's social media outlets.

It was noted that the Bridge Club at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre has 8 members and has helped to recruit members for SERA. Members briefly

discussed the senior's day trip events, such as the trip to the theatre, and how the Township could increase participation levels. It was suggested to place flyer advertisements at local churches, doctor's offices, the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre, Town Hall, and consider social media and newspaper advertisement.

c) Facilities Review

I. Cardinal

Members enquired about the Canada and Ontario 150 grant application status and if there were any hockey tournaments scheduled at the arenas on PA Days.

II. Johnstown

It was noted that the Bridge Club currently has 8 members, and 6 of those have become SERA members as well.

III. Spencerville

Committee noted that the Spencerville Mill has multiple events ongoing over the fall and winter seasons.

IV. Galop Canal – None

d) New Ideas Brainstorming – None

e) Eyes in the Community

Members asked for clarification with respect to the SNC "potable water" signage in the Township. Members enquired about the removal of the docks at the Johnstown Marina.

7. Information Items

a) 2016 Summer Programs Overview

It was highlighted that the Township offered 6 unique sessions of swimming lessons this past summer, which 437 children and youth participated. Members noted that there was an increase in public swimming and that the aqua fitness classes were well received by the public.

Committee noted that the participation in the Boredom Buster Day Trips is slightly down from previous years. It was noted that the Town of Prescott offered similar trips on different days for children, which may have resulted in the Township's decrease. Members discussed if the Township and Town of Prescott

collaborate on day trips in the future. Members discussed how they could determine if the families and children were happy and satisfied with the programming available and how the lifeguards and camp councillors can make the experience memorable.

b) Next Meeting Location – Johnstown December 8<sup>th</sup>

Members debated if there was a need for a meeting on December 8, as many members will not be available to attend. It was noted that at the Committee of the Whole – Administration & Finance meeting on November 7, the structure of the Recreation Advisory Committee was discussed in depth and that an advertisement to recruit members will be made available shortly. Members were asked to confirm with the Chair of the Committee or staff if they are interested in being reappointed for the 2017-2018 term. Members discussed a possible change in meeting date and tentatively agreed to moving to the second Wednesday of every month.

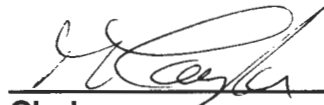
Members confirmed that the next meeting will take place on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre in Johnstown.

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

**Moved** by: R. Heuvel seconded by: G. Morrell that Committee does now adjourn at 7:29pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

  
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Chair

  
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Deputy Clerk