

**MINUTES
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015
6:30 PM
JOHNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillor Karie Smail, Chair
Councillor Gerry Morrell,
Larry Dishaw
Kristina Kinos

Regrets: Mayor Pat Sayeau, Ex Officio
Clint Cameron
Don Deline

Staff: Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator
Mike Spencer, Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities
Sheena Earl, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order – Chair, Councillor Smail

Councillor Smail called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: K. Kinos seconded by: G. Morrell that Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest –None

4. Business Arising from Previous Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

Chair Smail was asked if members of the Cardinal Baby Pool delegation had been notified of this evenings' meeting to which she responded that public notice had been provided.

5. Delegations – None

6. Discussion Items

- a) Township Wide Recreation Survey (Q's 1-15)

Members reviewed the survey results in detail commenting specifically on the following:

- Off-leash dog park in Spencerville
- Repairing tennis courts in Johnstown
- Extending pool hours
- Installation of stairs at pools
- Seniors programming
- Cutting of weeds and community aesthetics
- Multi-use surfaces
- Heat for swimming pools
- Use of kitchen at Township hall
- Pay heaters at Spencerville arena
- Adult skating aids
- Goose control at Legion Park
- Ice rental availability

Public response to the survey was discussed and it was the consensus of members that the “Save the Baby Pool” petition had an impact on the survey.

b) Township Administration Options for Recreation Programming

Members discussed options for the administration of recreation programming in the Township including the possibility of hiring an additional staff member in this role. Discussion of similar positions in other municipalities took place along with the potential to use a volunteer in this capacity as a pilot project to assist with education and determining need.

Moved by: K. Kinos seconded by: L. Dishaw that Committee recommend that Council explore the option to engage a recreation coordinator to assist with the administration of recreation programming.

Carried

c) Township Wide Recreation Survey (Q’s 16-17)

Survey results with respect to the baby pool in Cardinal were discussed in detail. Committee was unclear if appropriate costings had yet been established for all options and a suggestion was made to ask that staff prepare more detailed estimates.

A further suggestion was made that the group who created and administered the petition to save the baby pool be given the opportunity to fundraise its necessary repairs.

Moved by: K. Kinos seconded by: L. Dishaw that Council receive and review the Township wide recreation survey, specifically questions 16 and 17.

Carried

d) Friends of the Galop Canal

Members discussed a notice of motion previously provided by L. Dishaw with respect to the appointment of a “Friends of the Galop Canal” volunteer committee. It was recommended by staff and Chair Smail that this item be deferred to the Public Works Environmental Services and Facilities Committee of the Whole instead of Recreation Advisory Committee.

7. Inquiries/Notices of Motion from Committee Members

Inquiries were made with respect to the following items:

- Computer training program
- Dust control on Legion Way
- Beach at Legion Way – staff to provide more information on this at the next RAC meeting
- Weed control

8. Question Period – None

9. Closed Session – None

10. Adjournment

Moved by: G. Morrell that the meeting adjourns at 7:52pm.

Carried

These minutes approved in open Council this 29th day of September, 2015

Chair

Secretary