

**Merrickville-Wolford Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes**

February 14, 2017

7:00 Council Chambers

Members Present: Don Halpenny (Chair), Terry Gilhen, Jan Fitzpatrick, Councillor Ireland, Councillor MacInnis

Regrets: Mike Cameron

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests: None

Approval of the Agenda

Approval as amended: Moved by Terry Gilhen; Seconded by Jan Fitzpatrick

Carried

Approval of Previous Minutes (January 10, 2017)

Not available – Councillors Ireland and MacInnis will forward information from January meeting to Jan Fitzpatrick for completion minutes

Action Items:

Strategic Plan:

- Session on February 28, 2017 for the Committees of Council, Council and Senior staff
- Objectives:
 - (1) To present the Strategic Plan to senior staff and advisory committee members;
 - (2) To introduce the implementation plan template;
 - (3) To explain the staff and advisory committee role in developing the implementation plan;
 - (4) To receive comments, suggestions, feedback from participants.
- The time line for the plan is 2017 - 2025

Canal Rink:

- Councillor Ireland has completed an application from Parks Canada to allow usage of the canal basin for skating.
- Original trial time line was to be February 4 – February 20, 2017
- With the impending weather conditions this time line was not and will not be met this time however the permission is in place and this item will be kept "active" on action items until we have a date to announce, this year or in 2018

Merrickville Estates Phase I Park:

- In holding pattern until the spring – the Trails Committee is not interested in creating a trail in this location as it does not meet their mandate of creating trails that either connect with other trails or go somewhere opposed to a closed loop such as this.

Recreation Dollars to Smiths Falls

- Question as to whether there has been a public meeting/survey set up to discuss the proposed payment to Smiths Falls for the arena

New Business:

Trail in association with Ayling's Marina – Councillor Ireland

- A presentation was made at February 13, 2017 Council Meeting in support of Ayling's Marina and Siren Boatyard. There is an "ask" for a trail to be created that would connect the Marina with easy and interesting access to the downtown core. The concept is for a trail to go from the marina over a foot bridge across the bottom of the property at the Ruins and up towards the sidewalk into town across the canal. (understood that this could connect with Rideau Trail)
- CAO Regan was to send note to RAC to ask Trails Sub-Committee but as Trails Committee is not a sub-committee request that the note be sent to Trails Committee directly
- This could be an ideal situation for the Trails Committee as it would meet the requirements of their mandate and also fit into the strategic plan

Run Merrickville – Councillor MacInnis

- Date is set and approved: **April 29, 2017**
- 2 km, 5 km and 10km walk/run routes
- Certified by Athletics Canada
- Accredited by Athletics Ontario
- Fully insured , rolling road closures in effect, policing, paramedics and fire fighters in place
- Looking for volunteers
- Sponsorship – (after expenses) -
 - Trails Society and Playground Equipment at Merrickville Public School

Next Meeting:

Date: March 14, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

Moved by Terry Gilhen, Seconded by Jan Fitzpatrick

Carried