

Merrickville-Wolford Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes – July 12, 2016

7:00 Council Chambers

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

Regrets: Councillor Ireland, Mike Cameron

Pecuniary Interests: None

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Jan Fitzpatrick; Seconded by Terry Gilhen

Carried

Delegation: Beach Buddies

Representatives: Gail Telford, Peggy Holloway

Concerns:

- Stability of the Pavilion – concerned it will become a liability
 - Councillor MacInnis replied that an email has been sent to Acting CAO regarding the original builder and repairs

ACTION: Councillor MacInnis to follow-up on original email

- Questioned as to whether a summer student might be available that would be dedicated to the beach area. The student would be responsible for daily maintenance, raking of sand, weeds, garbage removal and goose droppings. Once finished raking of the weeds (in the swimming area) to promote better swimming conditions
- Ideally the summer student would be certified to do swimming programs and the Village could bring back water safety programs
- Dogs on the beach and in the water for the beach area a problem – education needed for public as the dogs are carriers of E Coli and risk potential contamination to children/users of the beach
- More sand is needed
- Raked weeds that are currently being done by volunteers are not always raked up
- Drain on west side of beach a problem – Run off was witnessed by volunteer and Public Works Manager – it was then suggested a ditch might solve that issue
 - **Motion to Council: In inquire about the cleaning and maintenance of the beach area. To ensure removal of raked leaves and garbage. To look into the potential of a drainage ditch or a solution to the run off from the soccer field area into the river**

Moved by Jan Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Terry Gilhen

Carried

- The Beach Buddies were asked to be a part of the *Open Spaces Committee* and have not been called for a meeting so are not sure if it is still a functioning committee

ACTION: Councillor MacInnis will find out the status of the Open Spaces Committee

- Beach Buddies are interested in being accessible as the Trails Committee are working on the Wetland Trail
- Is there a budget line for the beach?

ACTION: Councillor MacInnis will determine if a beach line item is in the budget

- Placement of the raft is too close to the beach – the water is too shallow to allow safe use (jumping etc.)
 - **Motion to Council: To have the raft moved further out to a deeper location**
Moved by Terry Gilhen, Seconded by Jan Fitzpatrick

Carried

Goal of the Beach Buddies: to bring the beach back towards its original status, clean, safe and a place to go for the community and visitors – It is a privilege to have the beach and an asset for Communities in Bloom

Approval of Previous Minutes (June 14, 2016)

Moved by Terry Gilhen; Seconded by Jan Fitzpatrick

Carried

Old Business:

- Recreational Asset list forwarded to Frederick Martin (staff) to post on Merrickville-Wolford Website
- Councillor McInnis spoke with Frederick Martin and determined it would be best to wait for the final version of the consolidation of the Recreational Survey to post on the website
- *Consolidation of Recreation Survey* presented by Terry
 - **Motion to send final version of survey to Council to approve for posting on village website**
 - Moved by Terry Gilhen, Seconded by Jan Fitzpatrick
- *Roof over Rink Proposal* presented by Jan Fitzpatrick
 - **Motion to send Proposal to Council for consideration**
 - Moved by Terry Gilhen, Seconded by Jan Fitzpatrick

Carried

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New Business:

Look at long term planning for recreation (original Master Plan) to forward to the Strategic Planning Committee

Next Meeting:

Date: September 13, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 p.m. Moved by Terry Gilhen, Seconded by Jan Fitzpatrick

Carried