

**Merrickville-Wolford Recreation Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

**March 21, 2017**

**7:00 Council Chambers**

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests: None

Approval of the Agenda

Amendments: Change agenda date to March 21, 2017

Add approval of January 2017 minutes

Add Geese on Beach under New Business – Round Table

Approval as amended: Moved by Mike Cameron; Seconded by Jan Fitzpatrick

**Carried**

Approval of Previous Minutes

February 14, 2017 minutes approved on line

January 10, 2017 approval moved by Don Halpenny, Seconded by Mike Cameron

**Carried**

Action Items:

- Skating on the Canal – Mike Cameron and Councillor Ireland will remain in contact with CAO Regan and Manager of Public Works along with Parks Canada in order to prep the canal for skating in the 2017/18 winter season

Strategic Plan:

- Navigated through the plan and identified the strategies that definitely fall into our mandate as well as those that we might be able to consider and develop strategies for
- Those identified are: **A.1.1.** Trails, **A.1.2** sustainable health and wellness infrastructure; **A.1.3** support people with disabilities; **A.2.1** accommodate people with accessibility issues; **A.3.1** Improved recreational facilities and programs for young children; **A.3.2.** Develop a young family attraction strategy to make it attractive for young families; **B.2.5** Explore promotional program with Parks Canada as well as other potential partners; **B.3.1** Long-term plan for the safety of rural roads including eliminating narrow/no shoulders; **D.2.1** Increased capacity to obtain funding through government grants & partnerships

New Business and Ideas – Round Table

- Councillor MacInnis discussed information from RVCA (Rideau Valley Conservation Authority) that was also discussed with the Environmental Committee regarding geese on the beach
- RVCA is willing to come to Merrickville and do an assessment of our beach area where the geese are gathering – if applicable they will at no cost to the Village, if applicable, develop the shoreline to deter geese from landing there

Next Meeting:

Date: April 11, 2017

Time: 7:00

Location: Council Chambers

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

Moved by Mike Cameron, Seconded by Don Halpenny

**Carried**