

## APPROVED MINUTES

### ***Regular Committee Meeting Recreation & Community Engagement Committee*** **6:30pm Thursday, June 18th, 2020** **North Shore Community Centre**

#### **PRESENT:**

Committee Chair Councillor Bob Doyle, Committee Members, Charity Sheehan, Jeremy Fraser, Kim Meunier, Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon, Recreation & Event Coordinator Jennifer Blair, and CAO Stephanie Moase

Regrets: Mayor Gerard Watts

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:35 pm by Committee Chair Councillor Bob Doyle.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**It was duly moved and seconded** that the agenda be approved with the removal of 4.9 Rental Policy.  
 Moved by Kim Meunier, seconded by Charity Sheehan

***All in Favor***

***MOTION CARRIED***

#### **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Part VI, Section 23 of the *Municipalities Act*, which maintains that *No member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon. (1983, c.33, s.24.)*

**DECLARATIONS:** There were none.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**It was duly moved and seconded** that the minutes of the Feb 20, 2020 meeting be approved.  
 Moved by Charity Sheehan, seconded Nancy Mackinnon

***All in Favor***

***MOTION CARRIED***

#### **3.1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was none.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **4.1. Chair Report**

Bob Doyle recapped that The Learn to Play Ball program will be taken over by Riptide Softball. Council approved all field rental fees have be waived for the North Shore Sharks and Riptide Softball. \$962

was added to the budget to support additional hours for the summer staff for September 5. The boards for the rinks were discussed. The boards that are in question are still desirable however not big enough for the current Grand Tracadie surface. Discussion surrounding options for the rink and boards ensued.

**It was duly moved and seconded** that it be recommended to Council to begin RFP process for Official Recreation Plan.

Moved by Charity Sheehan, Seconded by Kim Meunier

**All in Favor**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4.2. Rec Director Report**

Jennifer Blair reported that she will be looking to purchase new equipment and on the summer programming for children. The hiring of students and preparation for Canada Day has also been underway. She recapped plans from prior to the pandemic and where these ideas are now as she is looking to increase recreational programming. Jennifer is looking to offer programming that is suitable for the current Public Health Climate such as walking and cycling groups.

#### **4.3. Return to Play Plans**

North Shore Sharks and Riptide Softball are submitting their own guidelines on how they can safely return to playing their respective sport. Riptide has sent their plan to Softball PEI and will forward to us, Sharks has already forwarded theirs.

#### **4.4. Soccer and Softball Update**

Jeremy Fraser from Riptide Softball explained softball will begin early July. They have been running pitching clinics. Rick Townsend from North Shore Sharks explained registration is lower this season and games are starting at the end of June.

Softball requested permission to mount signs along the fence to promote/thank local sponsors.

**It was duly moved and seconded** that it be recommended to Council that Riptide Softball be allowed to mount signs at their own cost on the fence to promote/thank local sponsors. They will be responsible for removal at the end of the season as well.

Moved by Kim Meunier, Seconded by Charity Sheehan

**All in Favor**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4.5. Canada Day**

Jennifer explained the roles of volunteers for the event and how Canada Day is split into two events this year. Jennifer explained the concept for part one and what is included in the take-home package. Discussion surrounding the food options ensued and what would be best to serve.

**4.6. New Staffing Position(s)**

It was mentioned that North Shore has been approved by Canada Summer Jobs and Jobs for Youth for one role each and both roles are 100% covered by the program. An additional 72 hours were requested to employ the students for September 5 but that is the only cost the Municipality is paying for the student staff. Both roles have been filled by local students.

**4.7. Ball Hockey**

The Committee explained that this is more of a spring than summer activity between hockey and ball seasons. There were some issues about weather and missing games last year. Kim suggested having the gym available as an alternative. There was “a lot of interest” in the program. The younger groups 7-10 and 13 to adult

**4.8. Summer Activities (in North Shore & Post-Pandemic)**

Jennifer explained that there will be daily activities offered for the children in the Community this summer. She is excited to do new things and build the recreational programming back up to pre-pandemic levels however this will take time. Some tentative ideas were discussed as well as the impact of the additional protocol and how that will limit options and slow progress.

**4.9. Terms of Reference**

Tabled until next month’s meeting.

**5. NEXT MEETING:** July 16, 2020 6:30pm

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** 8:51pm

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SIGNED: Bob Doyle, Chair

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SIGNED: Stephanie Moase, CAO

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