

APPROVED MINUTES
***Regular Committee Meeting – Recreation and
 Community Engagement***
Monday, May 8, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Chair Bob Doyle, Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon, Jeremy Fraser, Kim Meunier, Chairty Sheehan (by conference call) and Rec Coordinator Shirley Beebe and 3 members of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:43pm by Chair Bob Doyle

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon made an addition to the agenda - 4.8 Community Engagement.

Moved by Kim Meunier and seconded by Jeremy Fraser

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary or other Conflicts of Interest – None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:

Approval of the minutes from the March 20th, 2023 Rec Meeting

Moved by Jeremy Fraser and seconded by Charity Sheehan.

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

3.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

Chair Bob Doyle mentioned the Children's Easter Party was a great success. Jeremy Fraser updated the Committee on the work that was done by Kent Affleck with KWL Construction on all three ball fields. Jeremy Fraser would like to see the Municipality invest in a nail drag for regular maintenance and upkeep of the ball fields. This would prevent having to get someone to come in with costly machinery to fix the fields. The cost of a nail drag would be approximately \$1000-\$1500. It was suggested to recognize Kent Affleck from KWA Construction for the Municipality's Volunteer Recognition Award for the work he did on the ball fields. The Community Fridge seems to be doing well. It was brought up to get markers on the pavement at Stanhope Place, so people do not block access to the Community Fridge during large events.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Chair Report

Chair Bob Doyle brought up that discussion is taking place in regard to repairing the Rink in Grand Tracadie. Discussion was had on whether the ball field in Grand Tracadie will be getting fixed in addition to the rink's surface being repaired. It was decided that further discussion needs to be had on what to do in regard to the Grand Tracadie Ball field and outdoor rink. Chair Bob Doyle said that he will invite Councilor Craig MacDonald, Chair of Finance and Infrastructure to attend the Recreation Committee's next meeting. Chair Bob Doyle brought that a new Committee had been formed, the Land Acquisition for Recreation and Community purposes. The Committee is made up of 4 members of Council. Chair Bob Doyle brought up at the last Council meeting what the Councilors would like the role of the Recreation Committee to be in actioning some of the items of the Recreation Master Plan. Chair Bob Doyle mentioned the Floating Docks are now available for recreational use.

4.2 Rec Coordinator Report

Reviewed the Rec Report. There was discussion about the how the Community Yard Sale was coming along as well as the progress on funding for Summer Students. We have heard back from two sources and are waiting to hear back from the Province. Jeremy Fraser brought up how nice the accessible picnic tables are. Kim Meunier mentioned to get signs stating "no dogs allowed" inside the ball fields.

4.3 Canada Day

Canada Day planning is well underway. There is usually a flag raising to open the festivities on Canada Day. Dignitaries are invites as well.

4.4 Grand Tracadie Ball Field Fence

"The Recreation and Community Engagement Committee would like to recommend to Council to repair the fencing at the Grand Tracadie ball field including some of the backstop that requires additional clipping."

Motioned by Charity Sheehan

Seconded by Kim Meunier

Jeremy Fraser abstained

All in favour

Motion carried

4.5 Outdoor Basketball Nets

It was decided to buy new basketball nets for the basketball court in Grand Tracadie, similar to what was there before.

4.6 NSCC Back Ball Field

“The Recreation and Community Engagement Committee would like to recommend to Council that the services of Atlantic Reach and/or the Riptide Softball Association would be accessed for removal of dead and decaying trees and clearing of trees along the back ball field and sides of the fields.”

Motioned by Charity Sheehan

Seconded by Kim Meunier

Jeremy Fraser abstained

All in favour

Motion carried

4.7 North Shore Flag Football

There was discussion on the tremendous growth of the North Shore Flag Football Association. It was discussed that the North Shore Flag Football Association was made aware of the Community Grant program.

4.8 Community Engagement

There was discussion on bringing back some community events that used to happen in the Community such as dances, dinners and concerts. The number of volunteers we have to help with these events was brought up. It was discussed that getting feedback from the community in the form of a survey would help narrow down what events residents would like to see.

4.9 Schedule of Rec Committee Meetings

Chair Bob Doyle could only go as far as scheduling the next meeting.

5. NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 12, 2023, at 5:30pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

SIGNED: Bob Doyle, Chair

DATE: