

MUNICIPALITY OF TWEED RECREATION COMMITTEE

December 7, 2011

The Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Committee Room.

Attendance: Council Members - Councillor Justin Bray; Councillor Jim Flieler
Committee Members - Lydia Veerman, Jamie DeMarsh, Al McNeil,
Moe Gunning
Recreation Supervisor - Orval Erwin
Recreation Assistant - Carol Badluk
CAO/Clerk - Patricia Bergeron

Councillor Flieler chaired the first portion of the meeting and Councillor Bray chaired the second part.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by A. McNeil

Seconded by J. DeMarsh

That the Minutes of the November 2, 2011 Recreation Committee meeting be adopted. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Delegations

Joey Walsh, Economic Development Officer and Cindy Cassidy, Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance presented a proposal for a 'rec centre to rec centre' trail route between Tweed and Tyendinaga. They noted that the Premier Ranked Tourism had established a sub-group to look at a possible route, and that they have come up with a proposal using existing roads and trails, without the need to build new. Joey advised that many portions of the proposed routes are on road allowances as well as on roads that do not experience heavy traffic. Uses of the trails would include ATV's, hiking, biking and horseback riding. Joey noted that a trail around the lake is another possibility being investigated. They outlined the health and wellness, economic and tourism benefits of a route between the two municipalities, and noted that the Tyendinaga recreation centre is just minutes from the 401. Cindy provided stats on trail use and on EOTA insurance coverage. It was noted that the proposal is in the planning stages only and is subject to availability of grant funding to cover related expenses, including signage.

Recreation Supervisor's Report

Recreation Supervisor Orval Erwin provided a report on department activities including the following:

- trees were planted at Park and Fairgrounds lands
- seasonal lights and decorations were installed
- CHSS Bridges class students worked at the Park, parkettes and Fairgrounds lands
- investigated options for installing ice in Marlbank dome
- electrical panel at arena repaired
- quote from electrician for overload protection on air dryers in the amount of \$500.00 each
- shower curtains were installed in arena dressing rooms
- ice was cancelled on November 15 due to power outage
- Loyalist Roofing is continuing to address leaks in arena roof

The committee discussed options for putting plastic on the Marlbank dome floor for flooding. It was agreed that plastic would be purchased locally if possible and in the size closest to the dome floor measurements to avoid multiple piecing.

Moved by A. McNeil

Seconded by M. Gunning

That the committee recommend the installation of overload protection on the air dryers at a cost of \$500.00 each. Carried.

The Recreation Supervisor advised that the local electrician is continuing to investigate costs for generator hookup at the arena.

Correspondence

1. Tweed Minor Hockey Association - request for partnership for new scoreboard and request for earlier September ice startup.

The committee discussed the request from Minor Hockey for a partnership for a new scoreboard, including the condition of the present board and the timeframe for needing a new one. It was suggested that since the existing scoreboard is working, the Municipality could consider a five-year plan for a new scoreboard and allocate monies each year for the future purchase. It was also suggested that this would provide an opportunity for grants and funding to be investigated.

Moved by J. DeMarsh

Seconded by A. McNeil

That the committee recommend the Municipality partner with Minor Hockey on a 50/50 basis for a new scoreboard at the arena, and that Council allocate \$1,000.00 per year for the next five years towards this cost, and in the meantime grant opportunities and other funding sources be investigated. Carried.

The committee discussed the request from Minor Hockey for earlier ice startup in September and agreed that since there are significant costs involved, a breakdown of September ice costs was needed. It was suggested that the cost analysis should include operating costs of the arena and labour costs, including costs of additional staff to carry on with outside work such as grass cutting.

Unfinished Business

1. Summer canteen.

This item will be discussed at an upcoming meeting in the new year.

2. Pool operations.

The Clerk advised that Council's direction is for the pool to be included in the mandate of the Recreation Committee.

New Business

1. Free Public Skating.

Al McNeil advised that the Sunday Night League would like to sponsor one hour of free public skating on school PA days, subject to the Municipality sponsoring a matching one hour. It was noted that the next PA day is on February 3rd.

The committee discussed sponsoring free public skating during the Christmas break and suggested a total of 8 hours, possibly two four-hour sessions. It was noted that there will be some business sponsorships as well.

2. CHSS Bridges Class.

Moe Gunning presented an invoice from CHSS in the amount of \$525.00 for costs associated with three days of student help with various projects and suggested compensation be given in the amount of \$200.00 per day for the three day period.

Moved by M. Gunning

Seconded by A. McNeil

That the Municipality compensate CHSS Bridges program in the amount of \$600.00. Carried.

The committee discussed various matters pertaining to the Park and Fairgrounds lands, including the need for a wiring of underground electrical services and the installation of the fence at the soccer field.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by A. McNeil

Seconded by J. DeMarsh

That the meeting adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Carried.