

Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, December 03, 2020

Electronic Participation at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Chair, Jim Richardson
Vice-Chair, Bill Fenwick
Shannon Sullivan
Cathy Hesch
Tim Dowd

Absent:

Mike Deinhart
Trish O'Neill

Staff Liaison:

Eric Lamothe, Manager of Business Planning and Strategic Services

Guests:

Councillor Bill Phillips
Councillor Sal Sorrento
Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Culture Services
Darrell Smith, Director of Municipal Works
Lori Mambella, Manager of Programs and Culture Services
Kaylea Cassano, Community Strategy and Policy Coordinator

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Chair Richardson acknowledged that the land on which the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of

Indigenous people.

3. **Amendments to the Agenda**

There were none.

4. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Tim Dowd

That the December 3, 2020 agenda of the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

Moved by: Bill Fenwick

That the October 27, 2020 minutes of the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting be approved with an amendment that the Aquatics Facilities Strategy is anticipated for completion in Q1 2021.

CARRIED

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

7. **Presentations (invited guests)**

None were present.

8. **Business arising from the minutes**

None were identified.

9. **Business**

9.1 COVID-19 Update

Phil Cristi summarized the impact to the Community, Recreation and Culture Services department should the Niagara Region move to the 'red' category as documented in the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework.

9.2 Golf Course Update

Darrell Smith provided an update on how COVID-19 has impacted the golf course. In 2019, there was 12,241 rounds of golf played. In 2020, there was 10,947 rounds of golf played. The variance between 2019 and 2020 usage (1,294) may be attributed to social distancing regulations and other COVID-19 related guidelines.

Bill Fenwick asked about the largest expense at the golf course. Darrell noted that wages and benefits are the primary expense, which is closely followed by water.

Jim Richardson thanked Darrell and his team for opening and maintaining the golf course this season.

9.3 2021 Work Plan – Social Sustainability Pillar Update

Jim Richardson briefed the committee on the Social Sustainability Pillar committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 24th, which focused on the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee's 2021 work plan.

9.4 Community Outdoor Ice Rinks

Kaylea Cassano provided the committee with an update on the Community Outdoor Ice Rinks pilot project. To date, there are three volunteer groups who will build, operate and maintain ice rinks in city-owned parks. The three approved locations include:

1. St. Patrick's Park
2. Port Dalhousie Lions Tennis Court
3. Partridge Park

All groups have completed their orientation sessions and are in the process of finalizing their permit and volunteer documentation.

9.5 Canada Summer Games Update

Bill Fenwick provided a brief update on the Canada Summer Games and the Henley Island rowing centre. The development of Canada Games Park is on schedule and on budget. The next meeting for the committee will take place in February 2021.

9.6 Community, Recreation and Culture Services Updates

Lori Mambella provided the committee with an update on recent CRCS initiatives, including: the STC Holiday Square event, the Winter-at-the-Market, the Mitten Tree at the St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre, the Tree of Angles campaign, and the 2021 Leisure Guide.

11. **Date of next meeting**

January 19th, 2021
February 16th, 2021
March 16th, 2021
April 20th, 2021
May 18th, 2021
June 15th, 2021
July 20th, 2021

August 17th, 2021
September 21st, 2021
October 19th, 2021
November 16th, 2021

All meeting times are scheduled for 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Cathy Hesch

That the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:51pm.