



Brockton

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting # 04/19

Date and Time: Tuesday May 7, 2019

Location: Walkerton Fire Hall

Attending: Suzanne Brown, James Lang, Bryn Maus, Mike Murphy, Hayley Murray, Jordan Turcotte, Katrina Wei, Jeremy Wright, Don Moore

Absent: Eric McDougall and Albert Zwart

Business Items:

1. Call to Order

Motion: K. Wei

Seconded: B. Maus

Carried.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: D. Moore

Seconded: J. Turcotte

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None

4. Review and Approval of Old Minutes

Motion: B. Maus

Seconded: K. Wei

Carried.

5. Business Arising from Old Minutes

5.1 Review of the Master Plan

Committee members reviewed the Master Plan and had the following to report on what has changed since the Plan was completed:

- Walkerton Community Centre ice time review of prime time use
- Horse palace life expectancy
- Expenses on maintaining the older facilities but also building new
- Life Expectancy of the ice making unit in the Horse Palace
- Upgrading the tennis courts – flooring, resurfacing the tennis courts
- Installing basketball courts

- Portion of Lobies Park to be used for the dog park
- Developing user fees for all recreation facilities
- Suggestion of the Master Plan being reviewed every five years. The Plan needs to be reviewed constantly.
- Population was expected to grow and the committee feels that the population is growing with the new subdivisions expanding

The committee is satisfied with the Master Plan at the moment but would like the Plan to be reviewed again after the findings from the Needs Assessments are brought forward. The report will be presented within 60 days of the assessment.

5.2 New Build/Renovation Strategy Update

None

5.3 Dog Park Update

It was suggested that the committee look at the Bogdon and Gross property. Don Moore will look into this and report back to the committee. It was reported that a possible new Chairperson has been found. Bryn Maus will be speaking with this person and report back to the committee.

5.4 River Markers

James Lang reported that currently we are waiting to see how the removal of the Truax Dam will affect the River Markers. James has been speaking with the County of Bruce and the Firefighters Association and he is hoping to have a delegation (either Firefighters Association or Recreation Committee) take it to Council at a future date

6. Staff Reports – Mike Murphy

6.1 Pool Tile

There have been some delays in replacing the pool tiles because of the amount of tile that needed to be removed. Currently all the tile is off and a local contractor will complete an assessment to determine whether a temporary or permanent fix will be needed. This is being completed before the pool opens this spring.

6.2 Soccer Fields

The irrigation system is going to be fixed as soon possible. Options for drainage are being looked at. It is unsure if four fields will be completed all at one time or one field a year for four years.

6.3 Lobies Park

Staff are preparing for the park and campground to be opened.

6.4 Ball Diamonds

Staff are hoping to have the diamonds open for May 13, 2019.

6.5 Elmwood Ball Diamonds

New surface is being looked at.

6.6 Trails

Staff are working on cleaning and preparing the trails.

6.7 Splash Pad

Opening May 17, 2019.

6.8 Waterline (Walkerton Community Centre)

This project is projected to start on June 17-21, 2019.

6.9 Boat Launch

Currently looking for grant sources. Funding is needed to move forward with this project. The Community Improvement Committee and Saugeen Valley Conservation have been assisting with the project. It was suggested that letters be sent out to local businesses to ask for support. This will be reviewed at a later date.

7. New Business

7.1 Recreation Hockey League Notice Letter

Mike Murphy spoke about some incidences that have been occurring this year and past years. They were beyond what is normal and Mike stressed that it will not be tolerated.

Mike Murphy and Eric McDougall are working on strategies to assist with these issues

Moving forward, League Representatives will be meeting with Eric McDougall and Mike Murphy prior to the ice rental contract being signed for 2019-2020.

It was recommended that all Parks and Recreation staff need to be consistent and clear expectations for staff need to be laid out. It was also suggested that a deposit paid at the beginning of the season to ensure that rules are followed by all teams.

7.2 Brockton Committee Volunteer Recognition Letter

Committee members are reminded to please RSVP and join the Municipality for dinner and presentation

7.3 Recreation and Culture Fund

For discussion as per Municipal Service Review, Creation of a Recreation and Culture fund to fund recreation related projects and programs throughout Brockton.

The Committee was interested in creating a Recreation and Culture Fund to allow the community to donate funds (example: donation after a death

or estates) to recreation projects. There used to be a local fund (The Walkerton Community Foundation) but it was dissolved approximately six years ago. The Committee would like to review this at a further date.

7.4 Letter from Corien Sinclair

Jeremy Wright and James Lang are going to speak with Walkerton Minor Hockey and Walkerton Minor ball after their seasons are finished and will be working with them on this project. James Lang would like to speak with other local communities and their Minor Sports and have them support this cause as well. It was also suggested to speak with our local MPP to get them involved and supporting this cause. James Lang is going to reach out to Lisa Thompson and report back.

7.5 New Committee member

The committee is welcoming a new member, Kyle Parks

7.6 Future meetings

The committee would like to invite Walkerton Minor Hockey, Walkerton Minor Ball and Walkerton Minor Soccer to the next meeting. The committee would also like to meet with Cargill and District Community Fund and The Elmwood Community Centre Committee in the fall. The committee would like to work together with these organisations and welcome their ideas. James Lang will be contacting these organisations to set future dates.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday June 26, 2019.

Motion: H. Murray

Seconded: J. Turcotte

Carried.

9. Adjournment

Motion: B. Maus

Seconded: H. Murray

Carried.