

Walkerton Parks and Recreation Committee Mtg

Wednesday March 4, 2020

Brockton Municipal Office 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jeremy Wright, Hailey Murray, Bryn Maus, Kyle Parks, Katrina Wei

Staff: Mark Coleman, Lynne Davidson

Regrets: Don Moore, Albert Swartz, Jordan Turcotte

1. Introductions

Jeremy introduced Mark Coleman, Brockton's new Director of Community Services to the committee. Mark shared his extensive 25 year background in Parks and Recreation followed by each committee member introducing themselves and their connection to the Walkerton Parks and Recreation Committee.

2. Disclosure of any Pecuniary interest

There was no disclosure of any pecuniary interest at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to accept the March 4, 2020 was made by Katrina and 2nd by Hailey. Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the November 18, 2019 minutes was made by Brinn and 2nd by Hailey. Carried

5. Business arising from Minutes

- a. Mark Coleman was hired as the Director of Community Services.
- b. Dog Park has been tabled at this time

6. Approved 2020 Budget

Brockton Council has approved the 2020 Municipal budget which will see an overall increase of 2.39 %. The Parks and Recreation budget saw an increase of 9.3 % or \$114, 000 and includes

- \$200,000 going into reserves
- No staffing cuts and includes maintaining a supervisory position
- Key components being updated in ice plant –leaving plant in good condition over next 5 years
- Funds going towards long term debt

7. Staffing Plan

Mark will be forwarding a report to council to support the position of a supervisory role for the Parks and Facilities. If approved it would be approximately May or June for the implementation of this position.

8. Events Update

Bruce Power has selected Brockton to host their annual Block Party on Saturday July 18, 2020. Planning meeting have begun with Brockton staff with topics including traffic control and parking. Community groups will be recruited to assist in various capabilities the day of. A facility agreement is presently being drafted to be presented to Council in the near future.

9. Projects

Capital Projects for 2020 include

- Soccer
 - 2 fields retrofitted with drainage
- Walkerton Centennial Pool
 - Removal of high diving board
- Ice Plant
 - refurbishing of compressors

A number of smaller projects are also planned. The committee gave Mark background information on the community Dog Park project and felt that this project should be re-examined to include as a future project.

Mark also shared a new forum call Bang the Table that Brockton has implemented to engage and enhance community feedback. Feed back to date has included suggestion to resurface the tennis/pickleball courts.

10. Fees Review

Mark will undertake compiling an inventory of ice rates from both local and regional facilities to present to the committee for their input for a report for Council re a short/long term strategy for ice rates for the benefit of the municipality and the ice group users. Mark will do his best to get this information out to the committee in advance so they have time to digest the information prior to the meeting.

11. Soccer Fields Fund Raising

Mark has met with the president of the Football Club as well as reviewed the history of the Soccer Complex project. At this time there are serval people including David Inglis, Dave Barrett and James Lang that wish to be part of the new fundraising committee for this project. If anyone else is interested in trying to breathe some life into this project please advise Mark.

Thinking of ways to actively promote/advertise the complex are welcome. James shared that perhaps a kids day – with a Pro soccer player (he has a connection!). He also shared that Bruce Power remains a supporting partner in this project.

Mark informed the committee that the Municipality had submitted an application for capital funding through Trillium. The identified project is a change/washroom/concession/storage area. He also feels that making the complex a multi-use facility verses a single use facility it can become a community hub.

12. Community Garden

Mark informed the committee that the Community Garden group would like to become a formal committee of Council in order to have a higher representation. Council is presently reviewing the various committees of council and their terms of reference.

The Community Garden Group wishes to offer more raised garden beds and it has been confirmed that the Roads department is committed to hooking up the water line for the garden.

13. Future of Walkerton Community Centre and Arena

Mark informed the group that he had read the numerous reports, studies to date including the present Brockton Parks and Recreation Master plan etc and reviewed 2 options for the committee to discuss being moving forward with retaining consultant supports or having him proceed with drafting up a proposal to present the need for moving forward with a new facility.

Through the discussion reviewing these options, the committee felt it would be best to move forward with Mark preparing a report using the documents that have been completed to date.

14. Date of next Meeting

The next Walkerton Parks and Recreation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 31 at 7:00pm

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bryn Maus and Seconded by Hailey Murray. Carried.