



RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 16th, 2024
East Ferris Council Chambers

PRESENT: Jessie Perron Wendy St. Denis
 Donna St. Martin Jenna Cowden, Rec. Coordinator
 Pauline Rochefort, Chair Kim Rose, Deputy Clerk
 Greg Kirton, Director of Community Services

EXCUSED ABSENT: Michelle St. Onge

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dianne Armatage

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Rochefort called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion No. 2024-11

Moved by Wendy St. Denis

Seconded by Jessie Perron

THAT the draft agenda circulated to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee dated the 16th day of July, 2024 be hereby adopted as prepared.

CARRIED

3. **Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Motion No. 2024-12

Moved by Jessie Perron

Seconded by Wendy St. Denis

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee held on April 16th, 2024 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Chair Rochefort discussed the Active Transportation trail on Centennial and MacPherson noting that part of the project (gravelling the edges) has been delayed until later in the season when the blanding turtles have moved on from their nesting sites.

A funding announcement is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 23rd at the South Shore Boat Launch at 10:00 a.m.

5. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None for this session



6. Chair's Comments

None for this session.

7. Delegations to Committee – None for this session.

8. Committee Reports – None for this session.

9. Correspondence and Information Items – None for this session.

10. Action Items – None for this session.

11. Other Business

a) East Ferris Parks Commemorative Program

i) Mrs. Dianne Armatage was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Armatage spoke to her wish to donate a bench to be installed at MacPherson Park. Council, at its meeting of July 9th, referred the donation request to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee to determine the type of bench and location of its placement. Mrs. Armatage was pleased with the thought of a formal donation program similar to that of the Memorial Park Commemorative Program.

ii) The Committee agreed that a program to ensure consistency of donations across parks in East Ferris was a good idea and made the following recommendation to Council:

Motion No. 2024-13

Moved by Jessie Perron

Seconded by Wendy St. Denis

WHEREAS at their Regular Council Meeting of July 9th, Council supported a request from Dianne Armatage to donate a bench to the Municipality; and

WHEREAS Council referred this request to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee for finalization of the model and installation.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council that a formal donation policy be created for clarity and uniformity, similar to that of the Memorial Park Commemorative Program and further that staff work with the Committee to finalize and implement this program.

CARRIED



b) Events Calander

i.) Review and follow-up from April 16th meeting

The Committee continued their review of the Events Calander. It was noted that an in-person Canada Day event should be the focus for 2025. The Committee discussed the requirement of an increased event budget for next year. Committee members will brainstorm possible activities and bring their ideas forward to a future meeting.

As part of the Events Calendar, the Sports Hall of Fame and Recognition Awards programs were discussed. The following resolution was passed:

Motion No. 2024-14

Moved by Jessie Perron

Seconded by Wendy St. Denis

THAT the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council that the Sports Hall of Fame Program be revamped to consolidate the 2 current programs (Sports Hall of Fame and Recognition Awards) for unification and clarity; and

That staff be directed to recreate the policy.

CARRIED

c) Activity Matching

Chair Rochefort spoke to the impressive amount of activity related equipment at the East Ferris Public Library, including tennis and pickleball rackets, walking sticks, pedometers, etc. Chair Rochefort also noted that there has been an expressed interest by residents for a volunteer-led walking club. Collaboration opportunities were discussed.

Program Coordinator Jenna Cowden noted that there has also been inquiries to an indoor walking program at the East Ferris Community Centre. Jenna will continue to work with various groups in an effort to support active programming at the Community Centre. Representatives from these groups will be invited to the next Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed potential clinics for youth utilizing the equipment at the Library. Staff was asked to conduct research on offering tennis clinics to youth, and to bring their findings to the next meeting.

These items will be brought forward for further discussion at the next meeting. In the meantime, Staff will increase the promotion of this equipment by sharing the Library's posts on our social media page.



d) Participaction

The Committee discussed the efforts that have been made with the ParticipACTION program over the last number of years. It was agreed upon that we continue to monitor the program next year for potential funding opportunities.

e) Updates

The Director of Community Services advised that the new playground at the Corbeil Recreation Hub is now complete. We are receiving positive feedback, and the play structure appears to be busy with youth utilizing the new equipment. Chair Rochefort congratulated staff, on behalf of Council, for their efforts.

12. In Camera

None for this session.

13. Adjournment

Motion No. 2024-15

Moved by Donna St. Martin

Seconded by Jessie Perron

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee meeting adjourn at 4:40 p.m. and meet again on October 15th, 2024, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDING CLERK