



RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 18th, 2019

The Municipality of East Ferris Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee met at the East Ferris Community Centre on Tuesday June 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Terry Kelly, Lydia Weiskopf-Tran, Robert Effinger, Ronald Roy,

Absent: Ray Marshall, Gerald Brochu, Bill Ramore

Also Present: Sharon Kitlar, Manager of Recreation and Facilities and Tammy Borgen-Flood, Administrative Assistant

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2019-1

Lydia Weiskopf-Tran – Rob Effinger: THAT the draft agenda presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee and dated the 18th day of June 2019 be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution 2019-2

Lydia Weiskopf-Terry Kelly: THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee and dated the 15th day of May 2019 be hereby accepted as circulated.

Carried

CHAIRS MESSAGE

Chairperson Terry Kelly welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Municipal Alcohol Policy

Sharon Kitlar, Manager of Recreation and Facilities presented a summary from the seminar that she attended on June 3rd, hosted by the North Bay and Parry Sound District Health Unit on the changes to alcohol regulations and the opportunities that municipalities have to address alcohol consumption and its associated harms at the local level. Municipalities have the ability to regulate the availability of alcohol by establishing requirements for Special Occasion Permits through their Municipal Alcohol Policy.

Sharon presented a revised copy of the Municipal Alcohol Policy based on previous discussions and that addresses the current provincial changes.

The discussion resulted in the following resolution:

Resolution 2019-3

Rob Effinger- Ronald Roy: THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends the revised Municipal Alcohol Policy to council for approval.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Master Plan

Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Sharon Kitlar shared the preliminary results from the online Recreation Survey that were sent to Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO) students that are completing the Recreation Master Plan, as data to include. The students will be completing the final plan by the end of June 2019 and the plan will be shared with committee members.

Cannabis

Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Sharon Kitlar attended a seminar presented by the North Bay and Parry sound District Health Unit on June 3rd on Cannabis By-Law Development and presented an overview of current Cannabis Legislation and the role of municipalities in supporting the regulation of cannabis. This information will help guide the municipality in future creation of Cannabis By-laws.

Outdoor Rink

Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Sharon Kitlar shared with the committee the statistics from 2018 for the usage of the Outdoor Rink at Vrebosch Park. In 2018 there were 90 people recorded by staff during operating hours as opposed to 290 in 2012. The municipality will be promoting the use of the facility for the upcoming winter season and will monitor the usage to determine future operations of the facility.

Soccer Update

Tammy Borgen-Flood, Administrative and Recreation Programming Assistant advised that there are currently 208 children, aged 4-12 years registered in the East Ferris and Callander Youth Soccer League. This is an increase in 35 participants from 2018.

All fifteen volunteer coaches were secured and the season began on June 11th. The first week was a great success, with coaches getting familiar with equipment at East Ferris and Callander fields. Feedback from players, parents and coaches has been positive to date.

Other Pilot Programs

Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Sharon Kitlar shared with the committee that drop-in Pilot Programs for the East Ferris Community Centre are currently being designed and once finalized will be shared with the committee.

Swimming Program/Staff Update

Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Sharon Kitlar advised that the postings for Swim Instructors for potential Swimming Lesson programs are still open. She will update the committee at a later date on the progress of filling the positions and operating the program for this summer.

Canada Day

Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Sharon Kitlar shared a tentative Canada Day schedule for July 1st, 2019 for municipal activities. Once finalized, the schedule will be shared via the Municipal website and Facebook page.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2019-4

Ronald Roy-Lydia Weiskopf-Tran: That we do now adjourn to meet on Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the East Ferris Community Centre.

Carried

Chair, Terry Kelly