



RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 1st, 2019

The Municipality of East Ferris Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee met at the East Ferris Community Centre on Tuesday October 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Terry Kelly, Lydia Weiskopf-Tran, Robert Effinger, Gerald Brochu

Absent: Ray Marshall, Bill Ramore, Ronald Roy

Also Present: Jason Trottier, CAO and Tammy Borgen-Flood, Administrative Assistant

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2019-1

Lydia Weiskopf-Tran – Rob Effinger: THAT the draft agenda circulated to the Parks and Recreation Committee and dated the 1st day of October 2019 be hereby adopted with the following modifications: **Add to New Business; Ray Marshall, Committee Member.**

Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution 2019-2

Lydia-Weiskopf Tran – Terry Kelly: THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee dated the 18th day of June 2019 be hereby accepted as circulated.

Carried

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Terry Kelly welcomed the committee back after the summer break. He informed the committee that Sharon Kitlar, Recreation and Facilities Manager has retired from the municipality and Jason Trottier is present to represent as a manager until the position is filled. He wished Sharon all the best in her retirement.

Terry recently attended the NEORA conference in Sudbury from September 23-26. He shared two publications from the City of Greater Sudbury; an Active Living Guide for older adults and a Trail Map. NEORA was a great opportunity to connect with other recreation professionals in the north on marketing the benefits of recreation; providing a venue for networking and exploring opportunities for partner training. Terry advised that many municipalities in the north are

focusing efforts on reaching seniors through recreation programming, as this population is on the rise.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Canada Day Update

Tammy Borgen-Flood, Administrative Assistant advised that the Municipal Canada Day event July 1st, 2019 was a great success. Approximately 100 people attended Big Moose Beach Park for the unveiling of the Voyageur Cycling Route Kiosk and cake cutting. Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing/Timiskaming, Vic Fedeli, MPP Nipissing, Pauline Rochefort, Mayor of East Ferris, Mark King, Chair of Discovery Routes and Lou Gagné, Agente des programmation Les Compagnon des franc loisirs were among the dignitaries present.

The event then carried on to the Corbeil Park Hall for a community barbeque, magician show presented by Christophe and then the Reptile Adventure Camp. There were approximately 300 people in attendance. The scheduled movie Dumbo was cancelled due to technical difficulties; however, families enjoyed the park and playground outside instead while waiting for the fireworks.

Council received positive feedback from the public and plans are in the works for another event in 2020.

Summer Program Update

Tammy Borgen-Flood, Administrative Assistant advised the committee that three new summer programs were initiated at the East Ferris Community Centre as pilot projects to utilize the arena floor space without affecting Pickleball and impacting current staff operations.

Let's Ride:

Bring your own scooter, bicycle or tricycle to our indoor air-dry surface and have fun with your children

Where: East Ferris Community Centre Floor Surface
When: Mondays & Fridays 9:00 - 10:30 am - July 8th to August 2nd, 2019
Price: FREE for Pilot Project
Age: 6 and younger
Participants: 19 total

Notes and Considerations:

- Heat and humidity an issue at times
- Parents would require larger vehicles to transport bikes, scooters etc.
- Some children used the space to learn how to ride their bikes
- Parents expressed their gratitude for the safe space
- Children loved the big space
- Could use more equipment to make obstacle courses and riding paths

Hockey Puck Shooting Challenge:

Where: East Ferris Community Centre Floor Surface
When: Mondays 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - July 8th to August 2nd, 2019
Price: FREE for Pilot Project
Age: 6-18 years
Participants: 11 total

Notes and Considerations:

- Arena/Floor surface extremely hot and humid
- Participants required to wear helmets and with the heat were very uncomfortable
- Participants were very happy with the opportunity to practice shooting
- Tried to engage ENMHA to partner for advertising and promotion, however not available in the summer months to discuss. Possibility to promote before the hockey season ends.

Drop In Ball Hockey:

Where: East Ferris Community Centre Floor Surface
When: Mondays & Fridays from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - July 8th to August 2nd
Price: FREE for Pilot Project
Age: 6-18 years
Total Attendance: 16

Notes and Considerations:

- Program was scheduled to accommodate Pickleball and to alleviate staff time of taking down and putting up nets
- Floor surface was extremely hot without Air Conditioning; on extremely hot days there was no attendance
- Without having “structured play”, children were hesitant to participate
- Parents and older siblings participated to help younger children and facilitate the games
- Only half of the floor surface was necessary
- Advertising through the schools before school is out for the summer could be a consideration to promote future programs

Swimming Lessons

There were no applicants for the Swim Instructor job positions; therefore, the East Ferris Summer Swim Program could not run for 2019. There is a lack of qualified swim instructors and lifeguards in the area and other organizations such as the YMCA have had to cut swim programming.

Callander was able to secure qualified swim instructors for their 2019 Summer Swim Lesson program, however due to Blue/Green Algae warnings at their beaches, their program could not operate at Callander locations. Callander contacted the Municipality of East Ferris regarding using Big Moose Beach for their program. The municipality agreed to this partnership and East Ferris residents were able to register their children for these lessons. The program was a success with all spots being filled and the swim instructors were pleased with the location.

A meeting is planned with the Recreation Coordinator for Callander to discuss the opportunity to partner again for a program in 2020. Tammy will update the committee at a later date.

DELEGATIONS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ray Marshall, Committee Member

Ray Marshall, Committee Member, has missed 6 consecutive Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee meetings. Attempts to reach Ray via email and phone have been unsuccessful. Procedural By-Law 2019-03, which applies to members of Boards and Committees, *Section 4.3 Vacant Seat* states that "The office of a member of council of a municipality becomes vacant if the member is absent from the meetings of council for three successive months without being authorized to do so by a resolution of council." The Committee passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2019-3

Gerald Brochu – Lydia-Weiskopf Tran: THAT the committee recommends to Council to vacate Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee member Ray Marshall's seat.

Carried

East Ferris Sports Hall of Fame and Sports Recognition Program - Extending Intake Period

Tammy Borgen-Flood, Administrative Assistant, advised that no submissions were received in 2019 for the Sport Hall of Fame or Sports Recognition Program during the regular intake period of January 1st to August 30th, 2019.

The committee has the ability to extend the intake period for 2019 or defer nominations until the 2020 intake period (January 1st-August 30th, 2020) as per the Sports Awards and Recognition Policy. A social media campaign could be initiated to advertise the program as well as committee members reaching out to community members to promote the program.

The discussion resulted in the following resolution:

Resolution 2019-4

Rob Effinger – Gerald Brochu: THAT the intake period for 2019 for the East Ferris Sports Hall of Fame and Sports Recognition Program be extended to November 8th, 2019 from August 30th, 2019.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2019-5

Robert Effinger – Lydia Weiskopf-Tran: That we do now adjourn to meet on Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the East Ferris Community Centre.

Carried

Chair, Terry Kelly