



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

**Electronic Meeting - Virtual
February 24, 2021**

PRESENT: Rick Champagne, Committee Chair Rob Currie
 Bill Ramore Wendy Joyce St. Denis
 Gerald Brochu Ronald Roy

STAFF Tom Slack, Manager of Recreation & Facilities
PRESENT: Jenna Cowden, Recreation Coordinator
 Jason Trottier, CAO

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Rick Champagne called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the Agenda as follows:

2021-01

Moved by Bill Ramore

Seconded by Wendy St. Denis

THAT the draft agenda presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee and dated the 24th day of March be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried Chair, Rick Champagne

3. Accepting the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):

Adoption of the Minutes as follows:

2021-02

Moved by Rob Currie

Seconded by Bill Ramore

THAT the draft minutes presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee dated the 24th day of February be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried Chair, Rick Champagne

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session.

6. Chair's Message

Committee Chair, Rick Champagne announced the resignation of Rob Effinger. CAO, Jason Trottier added, that it would be a good idea to recirculate the Terms of Reference and Mandate for the Committee.

Committee Chair, Rick Champagne shared that the construction is underway at the East Ferris Community to repair the trusses.

7. Delegations to Committee

None for this session.

8. Committee Reports

None for this session.

9. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a) Tom Slack, Manager of Recreation and Facilities attended a meeting to discuss Active Transportation possibilities in the Municipality. CAO, Jason Trottier mentioned a Sub-Committee be created to identify and encourage opportunities for active and sustainable modes of transportation for recreation purposes, which includes walking and cycling in the Municipality of East Ferris.
- b) Jason Trottier, CAO addressed the inquiries made at the previous meeting, regarding the Master Plan study completed by the University of Quebec. He suggested that the study be circulated to the Committee for review.

Jason Trottier also addressed the inquiry made at the previous meeting, regarding the Big Buck incident. Jason advised that this is a legal matter that is currently being dealt with.

10. Action Items:

- a) Recreation Coordinator, Jenna Cowden provided the Committee with the Draft Volunteer Recognition Awards Program Policy. The purpose of this policy is to formally recognize individuals or organizations who make contributions within the Municipality of East Ferris, with an award ceremony at an official event.

Modifications to the Draft Policy have been suggested for the next meeting.

- b) The Committee was provided with a Draft Parks By-Law in June 2020. Modifications have been suggested and has been deferred to the next meeting.
- c) The Sports Awards and Recognition Policy was re-presented to the Committee. Amendments to the policy have been implemented and resulted in the following recommendation:

2021-03

Moved by Wendy St. Denis

Seconded by Rob Currie

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends to Council that the amendments made to the Sports Awards and Recognition Policy be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried Chair, Rick Champagne

11. Other Business:

None for this session.

12. Adjournment.

2021-04

Moved by Gerald Brochu

Seconded by Bill Ramore

THAT we do now adjourn at 3:32 p.m. and meet again in April at the Call of the Chair.

Carried Chair, Rick Champagne