



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

**Electronic Meeting - Virtual
April 20, 2021**

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

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

ABSENT: Ronald Roy
 Gerald Brochu

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Rick Champagne called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the Agenda as follows:

2021-01

Moved by Wendy St. Denis

Seconded by Bill Ramore

THAT the draft agenda presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee and dated the 20th day of April 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 Wendy St. Denis

THAT the draft minutes presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee dated the 24th day of March 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 shared with the Committee that the federal and provincial governments will provide more than \$1 million collectively for the Municipality of East Ferris for the rehabilitation and expansion of the Corbeil Park Recreation Hub.

The project is said to include improvements to the park's soccer field, the addition of an overhead cover with lighting for the outdoor rink, renovations to the existing tennis court and the construction of another, lighting and signage for the parking lot, and the replacement of the playground with new accessible equipment.

Committee Chair, Rick Champagne had shared that the Municipality of East Ferris declared the week of April 18th – 24th "Volunteer Appreciation Week". A video was shared on the Municipal Youtube Channel where the recipients of the 2021 Volunteer Appreciation Awards were announced.

7. Delegations to Committee

None for this session.

8. Committee Reports

None for this session.

9. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a) As mentioned at the previous meeting, former Committee member Rob Effinger had resigned from the Recreation, Parks & Culture Committee. A copy of the letter of thanks from East Ferris Council to Mr. Effinger was circulated to the committee.
- b) Recreation Coordination, Jenna Cowden provided the Committee with an update on the East Ferris Sports Hall of Fame & Annual Award Recognition for 2021. An Award Ceremony is scheduled via Zoom, on Wednesday April 28th, 2021 at 6:00pm. The Zoom Ceremony will stream live on the Municipal Youtube Channel. Mayor Pauline Rochefort, Deputy Mayor Steven Trahan and Councilor Rick Champagne will be presenting the awards to the three Inductees for 2021.
- c) The Master Plan for Sports, Recreation & Culture that was completed by the University of Quebec, was circulated to the Committee. The Committee has been asked to review the document and provide feedback for discussion for the next scheduled meeting.
- d) A Meeting Schedule has been circulated to the Committee, outlining all the upcoming Recreation, Parks & Culture Committee Meetings for 2021.

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.

The following Resolution was brought forward.

2021-03

Moved by Rob Currie

Seconded by Bill Ramore

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends to Council that the Draft Volunteer Recognition Program Policy be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried Chair, Rick Champagne

b) The Committee was provided with a Draft Parks By-Law.

The following Resolution was brought forward.

2021-04

Moved by Bill Ramore

Seconded by Wendy St. Denis

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends to Council that the Draft Parks By-Law be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried Chair, Rick Champagne

11. Other Business:

Committee Member, Bill Ramore presented some questions going forward, as to what involvement the Recreation, Parks & Culture Committee might have with the new facilities/ Corbeil Park Recreation Hub. Committee Chair, Rick Champagne said he will get back to the committee with the answers upon receiving additional information.

Recreation Coordinator, Jenna Cowden shared with the Committee that The Municipality of East Ferris is participating in a Community Better Challenge through ParticipACTION in the month of June. The Community Better Challenge is an annual event that gets Canadians across the country moving together. At the conclusion of the challenge, one community will earn the top prize of \$100,000 and title of being Canada's most active. In addition to the national winner, there will also be prize for the most active community in each province and territory. In 2019, East Ferris finished 3rd in Canada and 2nd in Ontario! Recreation Coordinator, Jenna Cowden also invited the Committee to share any suggestion they may have on ways to get the community active in June!

Manager of Recreation & Facilities, Tom Slack provided with Committee with a brief update on the ideas the Municipality has for the Canada Day celebrations this year. He invited the Committee to share any suggestions or ideas they may have that could be incorporated in the celebration.

12. Adjournment.

2021-05

Moved by Wendy St. Denis

Seconded by Bill Ramore

THAT we do now adjourn at 2:03 p.m. and meet again May 18th, 2021.

Carried Chair, Rick Champagne