



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

**Electronic Meeting - Virtual
May 18th, 2021**

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

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

ABSENT: Gerald Brochu

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Rick Champagne called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the Agenda as follows:

2021-01

Moved by Bill Ramore

Seconded by Rob Currie

THAT the draft agenda presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee and dated the 18th day of May 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 Wendy St. Denis

Seconded by Bill Ramore

THAT the draft minutes presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee dated the 20th day of April 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 construction at the East Ferris Community Centre is going well.

Committee Chair, Rick Champagne shared that the parks are being well maintained by the Parks & Recreation Staff, and they are doing a great job!

Committee Chair, Rick Champagne had addressed an issue presented by the Hunters & Anglers regarding the 'Narrows'. He mentioned the possibility of adding 'No Wake Zone' signage in the area to remind boaters to reduce speed.

7. Delegations to Committee

None for this session.

8. Committee Reports

None for this session.

9. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a) The Master Plan for Sports, Recreation & Culture that was completed by the University of Quebec, was circulated to the Committee at the previous meeting. The Committee has been asked to review the document and decide what our next steps will be for this report, and if there is any information worth saving to utilize for any future reports.
- b) Committee Chair, Rick Champagne shared with the Committee an update on the rehabilitation and expansion of the Corbeil Park Recreation Hub. As mentioned at the previous meeting, the federal and provincial governments will provide more than \$1 million collectively for the Municipality of East Ferris for this project.
- c) Tom Slack, Manager of Recreation & Facilities and Jenna Cowden, Recreation Coordinator presented the Committee with draft amendments to the Facility Fee Policy and to Schedule "A" of the Fees and Charges By-Law 2019-22. The proposed amendments include the addition of a Summertime/Holiday Surcharge as well as minor changes to the fees. The Committee was asked to review these changes and come back with any feedback for the next meeting.
- d) Tom Slack, Manager of Recreation & Facilities and Jenna Cowden, Recreation Coordinator presented the Committee with a Draft Advertising Program, which outlines the different advertising opportunities throughout the East Ferris Community Centre. These exposure opportunities include Rink Boards, Wall Signs, Zamboni Wraps, Digital Displays, and advertising on the Skate Aids. All amended fees have been incorporated in the Draft Fees and Charges By-Law. The Committee was asked to review the draft program and come back with any feedback for the next meeting.
- e) Committee Chair, Rick Champagne presented to the Committee a request made from the Hunters & Anglers regarding the potential of extending the current parking lot at South Shore boat launch. Committee Chair, Rick Champagne mentioned that at this time, options and pricing are being explored.

10. Action Items:

- a) A report was brought forward to the Committee from the Active Transportation Task Force. The duties of the Active Transportation Task Force are to focus on the recreational aspects of cycling, jogging, and walking in East Ferris with exploring opportunities to connect to existing trails in neighboring communities. They are also to identify both short- and long-term opportunities and present a Plan that includes objectives and strategies by December 2021.

The Task Force held its first meeting on May 3rd, 2021 and it was explained that Active Transportation was identified as a priority in the Municipalities Strategic Plan. More information is to come and will be shared with the Committee.

11. Other Business:

Committee Member, Ronald Roy inquired about what criteria is used in accepting applications for members on the Committee. It was advised that Council will be reviewing the Terms and References of the Boards and Committees and will be revised.

12. In Camera: *(if required)*

None for this session.

13. Adjournment.

2021-03

Moved by Rob Currie

Seconded by Wendy St. Denis

THAT we do now adjourn at 3:25 p.m. and meet again June 15th, 2021.

Carried Chair, Rick Champagne