



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

5:30pm – Niagara Falls Community Health Centre, 4790 Victoria Avenue

MINUTES

Present: Michael Audibert, Bonnie Brady (Vice Chair), Aniko Bzdyl, Joseph Caverson, Sheila DeLuca, Paisley January-Pool, Gary Krause, Anna Lee, Laurie Primeau (Chair), Councillor Mike Strange, Beth Angle (Staff)

Regrets: Rob Desson, Donna Mills, Vito Scaringi, Terry Thomson, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Dolores Sacco

TOUR: Nicole Soble, Youth Program Lead, provided a tour of the Niagara Falls Community Health Centre and provided a brief overview of their services.

REGULAR MEETING

1 Adoption of Minutes of June 18, 2019

IT WAS MOVED BY Bonnie Brady, seconded by Sheila DeLuca, that the minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2019, be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2 Business Arising from the Minutes of June 18, 2019

a. 2021 Canada Summer Games Update

Staff provided an update regarding the Federal and Provincial Funding announcements and will keep the committee informed as more information is received regarding volunteer opportunities.

b. Framework for Recreation in Canada – Audit Tool

Staff informed the committee that the Recreation & Culture recently completed the Framework for Recreation in Canada Audit Tool. The process of completing the audit tool as a team was beneficial and provided valuable insights into strong areas and areas where some improvements can be made.

3 Budget Information – Summary of 2019 Recreation Committee Grants – attached

The committee reviewed the budget summary and requested a spreadsheet with the actual disbursements be included with each agenda. The group would like to look at the time of year and type of activities being funded. It was requested that spreadsheets from the last 3 years be provided.

Staff was requested to review how other funds are being disbursed (directly to individuals vs organization) and to explore any possible ways to coordinate with them.

Further discussion took place regarding the fund and possible revisions to the policy. It was suggested that a maximum per child or a maximum percentage of request be considered.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Mike Strange, seconded by Joseph Caverson, that staff report back on registration dates of the major sports organizations in Niagara Falls, with a specific focus on those with Activity Subsidy requests.

Motion Carried

4 City of Niagara Falls Recreation Activity Subsidy Fund Applications

a. Application received for financial assistance to cover the cost of hockey registration for one child to participate in playing house league hockey. The applicant is requesting funding to cover costs of \$700.00 for registration fees.

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IT WAS MOVED BY, Joseph Caverson, seconded by Paisley January Pool, that the above two applicants be approved for \$500.00 each for hockey registration.

Motion Carried

- c. Application received for financial assistance to cover the cost of travel basketball registration for one child to participate in playing travel basketball. The applicant is requesting funding to cover costs of \$650.00 for registration fees.

IT WAS MOVED BY, Bonnie Brady, seconded by Michael Audibert, that the above applicant be approved for \$500.00 for basketball registration if they make the travel team or \$225.00 if they do not.

Motion Carried

- d. Application received for financial assistance to cover the cost of bowling fees for one person to participate in bowling from September 2019 – April 2020. The applicant is requesting funding to cover costs of \$374.00 for fees for one season.

IT WAS MOVED BY, Michael Audibert, seconded by Bonnie Brady, that the above applicant be approved for \$374.00 for bowling registration.

Motion Carried

- e. Added to the Agenda - Application received for financial assistance to cover the cost of football fees for one person to participate in football at AN Myer Secondary School. The applicant is requesting \$225.00.

IT WAS MOVED BY, Joseph Caverson, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the above request be deferred for more information and vote by email.

Motion Carried

NOTE: The above Application re football at AN Myer Secondary School has been withdrawn.

5 New Business

- a. Volunteer Recognition Evening – November 4, 2019

Staff updated the committee about the theme, door prizes, and 50/50 recipient. The task list and any further information will be ready for the next meeting.

- b. Planning Discussion

- Consider connecting with sports organizations by attending annual general meetings and sharing more information and learning more about the organizations
- Bingo hall announcements for Volunteer Recognition Nominations
- Concerns about deficiencies in the new multi-use courts at AJ McKinley and Ontario Parks, staff to pass along concerns
- Making more money at the garage sale

6 Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2019 – MacBain Community Board Room

7 Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Bonnie Brady, seconded by Michael Audibert, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Motion Carried