



RECREATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
5:30pm – Virtual Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Paisley January-Pool, Bonnie Brady (Chair), Gary Krause, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Councillor Mike Strange, Vito Scaringi, Aniko Bzdyl, Sheila DeLuca, Laurie Primeau, Michael Audibert, Beth Angle (Staff), Dolores Sacco (Staff) and Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff)

Regrets: Anna Lee, Joseph Caverson and Rob Desson

Election for Positions of Chair and Vice Chair

After a short discussion, it was decided by all members that the existing Chair and Vice Chair remain the same for the coming year.

1 Adoption of Minutes of December 15, 2020

IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, seconded by Sheila DeLuca, that the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2020, be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2 2021 Committee Schedule – for filing.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes of December 15, 2020

a. Family Fun Days Contest – Update

Beth advised the Committee that participation in the Family Fun Days contest was a little disappointing but it does not close until midnight tonight. She advised that many local businesses donated prizes and the draw will take place on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

4 New Business

a. June is Recreation & Parks Month

After discussing ideas on how to proceed with June is Recreation & Parks Month due to COVID 19, it was decided to combine this event with ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge. Everyone agreed to do a virtual scavenger event using the Goose Chase app.

Beth advised that she would apply for the ParticipACTION grant and if approved supplies and/or equipment could be purchased and distributed to those in need so everyone could participate in these events.

- b. Garage Sale at the Gale – June 2021;

After a short discussion, it was decided that due to Covid 19 that the Garage Sale be cancelled for 2021 and hopefully will take place next year.

- c. Oakes Park 100th Anniversary will take place in 2031.
- d. MacBain Community Centre;

Kathy Moldenhauer advised the Committee that the YMCA has officially moved out of the MacBain Centre as of the end of January and that the City will maintain the building.

An Expression of Interest has been advertised to the public and once all have been received a report to Council will be prepared in March to determine any future tenants.

- e. Master Plan Update;

Kathy Moldenhauer updated the Committee and advised that the Master Plan is proceeding well and a draft report will be forthcoming in the Spring and brought back to the community for their information before the final report is completed.

- f. Niagara Falls Exchange Update;

Kathy Moldenhauer advised that any updates on the progression and construction of the Niagara Falls Exchange can be found on Let's Talk Niagara Falls. She advised that the planned opening will be in the Spring of 2022.

5 Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – Virtual Zoom, 5:30pm

6 Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Mike Strange, seconded by Councillor Chris Dabrowski, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Motion Carried