



# **MINUTES Recreation Committee Meeting**

5:30 PM-Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
MacBain Community Boardroom

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The Recreation Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was called to order on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 5:42 PM, in the MacBain Community Boardroom, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Jithin Areekarakandy, Michael Audibert, Councillor Tony Baldinelli, Todd Bright, Aniko Bzdyl, Chris Daniele, Sheila DeLuca (Chair), Paisley Janvary-Pool, Laurie Primeau, Councillor Mike Strange, Terry Thomson

**EXCUSED:** Donna Mills, Amanda Nicol-Macdonald, Vito Scaringi, Ying Wang

**STAFF:** Beth Angle, Kathy Moldenhauer

## **1 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

## **2 RECREATION COMMITTEE OVERVIEW**

## **3 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:42PM

## **4 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- a) Staff provided the land acknowledgement.

## **5 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a) Committee minutes of February 22, 2023

**IT WAS MOVED BY Michael Audibert, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, THAT the minutes of February 22, 2023 be adopted as written.**

**CARRIED**

## **6 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- a) Committee Agenda of April 25, 2023

**IT WAS MOVED BY Chris Daniele, seconded by Laurie Primeau, THAT the agenda be adopted as written.**

**CARRIED**

## **7 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

- a) none

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a) **Business arising from the Minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting**

### **a. Sport & Recreation Fair Debrief**

Everyone was in agreement that the event was a success and the following suggestions were made:

- host one in September
- clearly state free entry in promotion
- consider Gale Centre as venue
- invite tennis and golf

### **b. Garage Sale at the Gale - Update**

After a review of the cost/benefit of the Garage Sale at the Gale to the community it will not move forward. Discussion took place about possible secondary fundraisers for the Activity Subsidy Fund. Organization contributions from the Sport and Recreation Fair raised approximately \$400, which is almost half of the traditional funds raised at the Garage Sale.

A suggestion was made to possibly host a cricket tournament if feasible.

Discussion took place regarding hosting a June is Recreation & Parks month event with fundraising component if feasible. Staff is working with Jaida Lee's family to organize the recognition event, if in June consider this as the June is Rec & Parks month event.

## **9 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) **Meeting Day and Time**

Discussion took place regarding a potential change to the date and/or time of meetings due to a conflict with the Committee of Adjustment of which Councillor Baldinelli is a member. Staff will send out a poll to decide.

- b) **City of Niagara Falls Grant Application - Leadership Training**

a. Canada Soccer Youth Licence - Online Advanced Coach Education Program. April 22, 2021 to March 22, 2022.

Online and Mitchelson Park. Paul O'Rourke is requesting funding to cover costs of registration fees - total fees \$1500.

b. NCCP Making Ethical Decisions, AN Myer Secondary School, February 27, 2023. Michael Olivieri is requesting funding to cover costs of registration fees - total fees \$80

c. Ontario Soccer C Licence, Welland, ON, November 8, 2022. Brian Panunto is requesting funding to cover the costs of registration fees - total fees \$850

d. Baseball Ontario, Initiation Coach Online, Initiation Coach Clinic, Teaching and Learning Clinic, Hitting Clinic, online November 5, 2022 to February 21, 2023. Matthew Bird is requesting funding to cover costs of registration fees - total fees \$182.45

e. Baseball Ontario Hitting Clinic and Teaching and Learning Clinic, online March 6 & 8, 2023. Stephen Baldinelli is requesting funding to cover the costs of registration fees - total fees \$100

**IT WAS MOVED BY Terry Thomson, seconded by Michael Audibert, THAT the above applicants be approved for \$75.00 each.**

**CARRIED**

**c) City of Niagara Falls Activity Subsidy Fund**

a. Application received for financial assistance for one 3 year old to participate in private swimming lessons.

Private Swimming Lessons, MacBain Community Centre - registration \$250.00

b. Application received for one adult to participate in swimming.

Open Swim - 60+ Six Month Pool Pass MacBain Community Centre - fee \$90.00

c. Application received for one adult to participate in aquafit.

Baby and Me Aquafit - MacBain Community Centre - fee \$84.16

d. Application received for one youth to purchase soccer shoes - cost \$200

**IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, seconded by Primeau, THAT the above applicants be approved for the amounts requested.**

**CARRIED**

**d) Committee Orientation - Thursday, May 4 from 3 to 4:30 pm OR 6 to 7:30 pm**

Staff reminded Committee Members about the upcoming orientation sessions.

**10 NEW BUSINESS**

a) Staff informed Committee that a report will be on the May 9 Council Agenda regarding the agreement with Tennis Clubs of Canada to dome and operate the courts at John N Allan Park.

b) Jithin discussed the need for more cricket pitches in order to have practice time for local teams.

**11 NEXT MEETING**

a) TBC

**12 ADJOURNMENT**

a) IT WAS MOVED BY Michael Audibert, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:57 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Staff Liaison