



**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021  
**5:30pm – Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**MINUTES**

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

**Absent:** Joseph Caverson, Anna Lee, Terry Thomson

**1 Adoption of Minutes of June 29, 2021**

Two amendments were brought to staff's attention; Donna Mills was absent and Rob Desson was present.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley January-Pool, seconded by Sheila DeLuca, that the minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2021, be approved as amended.**

**Motion Carried**

**2 Business Arising from the Minutes of June 29, 2021**

a. Naming/Renaming Request of a Park/Open Space or Park Feature

i. Wayne Campbell – update;

Kathy Moldenhauer contacted the Niagara Region regarding the suggestion to name the affordable housing being redeveloped in the old CORE building in honour of Wayne Campbell. The Region indicated that the naming could be considered and will follow up with information regarding the Region's procedure and application process. The Naming Request for Wayne Campbell will remain on file until a suitable location is available.

ii. Steve Ludzik – update - attachment;

The committee reviewed the additional Steve Ludzik background information and reaffirmed direction to select an arena/hockey related location in his honour.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley January-Pool, seconded by Michael Audibert, that the press box in Pad 1 at the Gale Centre be named in honour of Steve Ludzik.**

**Motion Carried**

Further discussion took place about the many elite hockey athletes with a connection to Niagara Falls and a request was made to consider developing a plan to honour other elite hockey players at the Gale Centre.

iii. Henry Acres – attachments;

Staff followed up with the nominator and confirmed that the Naming Request in honour of Henry Acres should be moved forward. The nominator had submitted a request for a story board which had been rescinded but wishes to continue with the naming request.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila DeLuca, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the section 2 (final section) of the Millennium Recreational Trail be named the Dr. Henry G. Acres Pathway.**

**Motion Carried**

Staff will post the naming intention on the City's website for 30 days with a report to Council to follow.

Councillor Strange suggested that something such as a trail or bike path should be named in honour of Gord Singleton. The committee suggested that Mike start the application process.

- iv. List of naming requests;

Received. No discussion.

- v. Policy Review – attachment.

Staff reviewed the proposed changes to the policy which included incorporating City buildings, defining a time limit, improving the screening/review of suggested names, and refining the timing of steps in the procedure. After some discussion the Committee supported the changes to the policy.

- b. Volunteer Recognition 2021- update

An outdoor event will be held in the pavilion at Club Italia on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Planning has begun around the theme, awards, numbers invited, and décor.

### **3 City of Niagara Falls Recreation Committee Grant Application – Leadership Training**

- a. NCCP Soccer – Making Ethical Decisions (online) This event took place virtually on July 19, 2021. **Suzanne is requesting \$75.00.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY Laurie Primeau, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the applicant be approved \$75.00.**

**Motion Carried**

### **4 City of Niagara Falls Recreation Committee Grant Application – Provincial, National, International Competitions**

- a. Strongman Nationals in the Teen Division – ACAFA CAASA. This event takes place from October 16 - 17, 2021, in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

**Makenzy Canham** is requesting \$100.00 for entry fees.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, seconded by Laurie Primeau, that the applicant be approved \$100.00.**

**Motion Carried**

## **5 New Business**

- a. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Plan Update

Kathy Moldenhauer indicated that we are nearing the final stages of the Plan Update. She indicated that there is an opportunity for feedback on the Let's Talk website and encouraged everyone to contribute. A report is anticipated for the October 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for final approval of the Plan.

- b. MacBain Community Centre Update

Kathy Moldenhauer provided an updated regarding the MacBain Community Centre. A new operations plan was approved by Council on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Recreation & Culture Department will program and maintain the entire facility moving forward. The Coronation Centre will be moving its programs and staff to the facility once renovations are complete. Some programming will begin this fall and anticipate full opening in January of 2022.

- c. Santa Claus Parade Update

Kathy Moldenhauer updated that the Santa Claus Parade will now be run by the Downtown BIA. Jeff Guarasci will be the staff liaison with the BIA.

- d. Other

Sheila DeLuca informed the Committee that there will be a Truth and Reconciliation ceremony and flag raising (then lowered back to half-staff) at City Hall on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange.

Kathy Moldenhauer added that the Museum has a Zoom session to highlight Truth and Reconciliation that is also open to all to register.

**6 Next Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:30pm

**7 Adjournment**

**IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl , seconded by Councilor Mike Strange, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 pm.**

**Motion Carried**