



RECREATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
5:30pm
MacBain Community Boardroom

MINUTES

Present: Michael Audibert, Aniko Bzdyl, Sheila DeLuca (Chair), Rob Desson, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Anna Lee, Laurie Primeau, Councillor Mike Strange (virtual), Vito Scaringi, Beth Angle (Staff)

Regrets: Bonnie Brady, Joe Caverson, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Donna Mills, Terry Thomson.

1. Adoption of Minutes of May 17, 2022

IT WAS MOVED BY Michael Audibert, seconded by Vito Scaringi, that the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2022, be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising from the Minutes of May 17, 2022

a. Final Review – Activity Subsidy Fund Policy Proposed Revisions

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the updated Activity Subsidy Fund Policy, be approved as written.

Motion Carried

b. Final Review – DRAFT Indoor Facility Allocation Policy

Michael Audibert suggested that a heading be created for the information contained in the second paragraph under item 3) hours of operation regarding allocation meetings and conflict resolution much like in the Ice Allocation policy.

IT WAS MOVED BY Laurie Primeau, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the Draft Indoor Facility Allocation Policy, be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

c. Longstanding Council and Committee Recognition

Discussion took place regarding the proposed Longstanding Council and Committee Recognition. The following discussion points were noted:

- Support developing a grove of trees with a central recognition plaque

- Support the concept of a QR code to direct visitors to more information about those honoured
- Request clear criteria of what is considered as exemplary service and dedication to municipal issues (not simply years of service)
- Inquired about the process for nomination and who would be reviewing and making recommendations/approvals
- Recommended that the clerk's department be involved in administering the program and perhaps promote after each term of council

3. Garage Sale at the Gale

a. Update

Staff informed the committee that 60 vendors are paid in full and have provided the required insurance. The Terry Fox Committee will be onsite with BBQ selling hotdogs and cold beverages.

b. Volunteers

Volunteers needed to assist with marking spots and getting vendors into place. Volunteers are requested to arrive at 5:00 am to be ready for vendor load in at 6:00 am. Once vendors are in place and the garage sale begins very few volunteers are required.

4. Canada Summer Games - 13 for 13 Cultural Event – Sat, August 13, 2022

Staff informed the committee about plans for the Niagara Falls/Northwest Territories 13 for 13 event and that volunteers will be needed to assist with the artists market, stage, and general event.

5. Millennium Recreational Trail / Dr. Henry Acres Girdlestone Naming – Update

The event will take place on Friday, September 9 or Saturday, September 10. Jeff Guarasci is taking the lead on organizing the community event. Currently the intention is for an active component, bbq, and formal unveiling with speeches. Input regarding the event is welcome.

6. Canada Day Update

A standalone parade will be taking place starting at 11:00 am using the traditional parade route. In addition, activities will be taking place at all of the outdoor pools (all weekend), at the Niagara Falls History Museum on July 1st, and free public skating at the Gale Centre on July 3rd. Parade Volunteers are welcome.

7. Volunteer Recognition Evening – Update

Unfortunately, the Niagara Falls Exchange will not be ready in time for a fall Volunteer Recognition Event and other venue options will be considered including the hall at Firemen's Park. Jeff Guarasci will be taking the lead on organizing and

will organize a meeting with representatives from Recreation, Culture, and the Park in the City Committee. Sheila requested that a representative be invited from the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

8. City of Niagara Falls Recreation Committee Grant Application - Leadership Training

- a. Pitchers and Catchers Clinic and Absolutes Clinic, for Greater Niagara Baseball Association. These events took place on May 12 and 13, 2022. Matthew Baglieri is requesting funding to cover costs of registration fees – total fees \$100.00.

IT WAS MOVED BY Michael Audibert, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the above applicant be approved for \$75.00.

Motion Carried

9. City of Niagara Falls Activity Subsidy Fund

- a. Application received for financial assistance for one child to participate in playing house league soccer with the Niagara Falls Soccer Club – registration \$190.

IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, seconded by Laurie Primeau, that the applicant be approved for \$190.

Motion Carried

- b. This item was added to the agenda. Application received for financial assistance for two children to participate in swimming lessons with the City of Niagara Falls – registration \$75 and \$60.

IT WAS MOVED BY Michael Audibert, seconded by Anna Lee, that the applicants be approved for \$135 total.

Motion Carried

10. New Business

Paisley January-Pool brought up the passing of Gary Krause and recommends that he is recognized in some way.

11. Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the MacBain Community Boardroom

12. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Michael Audibert, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Motion Carried