



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

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Michael Audibert, Bonnie Brady (Chair), Aniko Bzdyl, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Sheila DeLuca, Paisley January-Pool, Gary Krause, Laurie Primeau, Councillor Mike Strange, Vito Scaringi, Beth Angle (Staff), Kailey Webster (Student)

**Regrets:** Joe Caverson, Rob Desson, Anna Lee, Donna Mills, Terry Thomson.

**1. Adoption of Minutes of October 19, 2021**

**IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, seconded by Laurie Primeau, that the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2021, be approved as written.**

**Motion Carried**

**2. Business Arising from the Minutes of October 19, 2021**

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

On October 26, 2021, City Council approved the revisions to the Naming and Renaming of City Property Policy and the recommendation to name the Press Box in Pad 1 at the Gale Centre in honour of Steve Ludzik. The Policy was also shared with other Advisory Committees of Council for their information and comments. The next step will be to work with Steve and his family with respect to design.

The naming request for Dr. Henry Acres was posted on the City's website for public input, with none received. The request has been shared with local BIPOC organizations for input. A report to Council will follow in January or February.

**3. Volunteer Recognition 2021 Debrief**

A discussion took place regarding the 2021 volunteer recognition event. The general consensus was that everything went well especially considering the quick change to indoors. It was suggested that the event remain as a reception with no meal and to host at the Niagara Falls Exchange. Some ideas included reaching out to local restaurants to provide specials prior to the event and investigating a wine sponsor.

**4. MacBain Community Centre Update**

Staff provided an update about the gradual reopening and planned renovations. Will be interviewing for the Aquatic supervisor and aquatic part time staff in January. Manager of Recreation and Programs has been hired (Beth Angle).

**5. City of Niagara Falls Recreation Committee Grant Application – Leadership Training**

- a. Niagara Falls Minor Hockey is requesting a total rebate of \$1114.70 for 20 applicants.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila DeLuca, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the Niagara Falls Minor Hockey Leadership Request be approved for \$1114.70.**

**Motion Carried**

**6. New Business**

**a. 2022 Planning Discussion**

**i. Family Day**

Events are planned at the Museum, Firemen’s Park, and the MacBain Community Centre. Staff recommend supporting these events rather than planning an additional event.

**ii. Garage Sale at the Gale**

The Committee discussed the Garage Sale at the Gale and would like to move forward with planning again for 2022.

**iii. Parks and Recreation Month**

Mother Earth Day is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Discussed the option of hosting Recreation Fair event at the MacBain Community Centre to highlight local sport and recreation organizations.

**b. Fireman’s Park Tobogganing Events**

Tobogganing is now allowed, with restrictions, at Firemen’s Park. Trained spotters will be on site to supervise when snow permits tobogganing. Special events with a fire, s’mores, hot chocolate, and games are planned for January 5<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and February 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are welcome and staff will reach out with more information.

**7. Next Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – Virtual Zoom, 5:30pm

**8. Adjournment**

**IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley January-Pool, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35pm**

**Motion Carried**