



RECREATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
5:30pm
MacBain Community Boardroom

MINUTES

Present: Michael Audibert (Chair partial), Aniko Bzdyl, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Sheila DeLuca (Chair partial), Rob Desson, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Anna Lee, Laurie Primeau, Councillor Mike Strange (virtual), Vito Scaringi, Terry Thomson, Beth Angle (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff).

Regrets: Joe Caverson, Donna Mills.

1. Indoor Tennis Proposal – Virtual Guest Adam Seigel, CEO Tennis Clubs of Canada

Guest Adam Seigel provided a presentation regarding a proposal to cover the four tennis courts at John N. Allan Park with a clear dome to allow for year-round play. The dome would be installed late fall and removed in the spring. Tennis Clubs of Canada would operate the facility while enclosed and sell memberships to play. There is no cost to the City to install the infrastructure.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Mike Strange, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the Recreation Committee recommends moving forward with the proposal.

Motion Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes of June 14, 2022

IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, seconded by Paisley Janvary-Pool, that the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2022, be approved as written.

Motion Carried

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of June 14, 2022

a. None.

4. Millennium Recreational Trail / Dr. Henry Acres Girdlestone Naming – Update – Saturday, October 1

The opening and naming event that is scheduled for Saturday, October 1 from 11 am to 2 pm. Sheila will be emceeing the event and Laurie Primeau and Aniko Bzdyl volunteered to assist. All are welcome.

5. Steve Ludzik Recognition – Update – Friday, October 7

The official unveiling of the newly wrapped Steve Ludzik Press Box will take place on Friday, October 7 at 7:00 pm before the Junior B Game.

6. Volunteer Recognition Evening – Monday, November 7

The 2023 Volunteer Recognition Evening will be taking place on November 7th in the hall at Firemen's Park. Nominations for the Civic Pride and George MacPhail award will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

- a. Baseball Ontario U13 Baseball Training – Base Running Clinic, Planning Clinic, Core Portfolio, for Greater Niagara Baseball Association. These events took place on April 12, May 9, June 24, 2022 (online). Anthony Rosano is requesting funding to cover costs of registration fees – total fees \$209.00.
- b. Baseball Ontario U8 – Rep Baseball Coaching – Initiation, Teaching and Learning, Hitting, Infielding, for Greater Niagara Baseball Association. These events took place between February and May 2022. Ryan Dionne is requesting funding to cover costs of registration fees – total fees \$227.45.

IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, seconded by Laurie Primeau, that the above applicants be approved for \$75.00 each.

Motion Carried

8. City of Niagara Falls Activity Subsidy Fund

- a. Application received for financial assistance for one adult to participate in swimming.

Open Swim – 60+ Six Month Pass MacBain Community Centre – fee \$90.00 plus request to cover 6 – Thirty Day Ride Bus Passes – fee \$390.00. Total request \$480.

IT WAS MOVED BY Terry Thomson, seconded by Councillor Chris Dabrowski, that the above applicant be approved for \$90.00.

Motion Carried

- b. Application received for financial assistance for one adult to participate in bowling.

Special Olympics Bowling, Cataract Bowl - registration \$396.00

IT WAS MOVED BY Laurie Primeau, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the above applicant be approved for \$396.00.

Motion Carried

- c. Application received for financial assistance for 3 children to participate in swimming.

Application received for financial assistance for three children to participate in swimming lessons.

Swimming Lessons, City of Niagara Falls - \$254.75

IT WAS MOVED BY Terry Thomson, seconded by Laurie Primeau, that the above applicant be approved for \$255.00.

Motion Carried

9. New Business

- a. Letter of Resignation - Bonnie Brady

The committee accepted the resignation of Bonnie Brady with regret and wish her well.

- b. Review and Recommendations for next term – November meeting

Staff asked everyone to consider the work that the Recreation Committee has done over the term and to come to the November meeting prepared to review and make recommendations for the next term.

- c. Councillor Strange asked that the committee consider recognizing Jaida Lee, who was the first female to pitch in men's baseball competition at the Summer Games which took place in Oakes Park. Preliminary discussion took place and staff was asked to add to the next agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Mike Strange, seconded by Councillor Chris Dabrowski, that Jaida Lee be recognized for her accomplishment.

Motion Carried

10. Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the MacBain Community Boardroom.

11. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Chris Dabrowski, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Motion Carried