



RECREATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
5:30pm
MacBain Community Boardroom

MINUTES

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

Regrets: Joe Caverson, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Terry Thomson.

1. Adoption of Minutes of September 20, 2022

IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, seconded by Michael Audibert, that the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2022, be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising from the Minutes of September 20, 2022

a. Jaida Lee Recognition Discussion

The Committee discussed recommendations on how to recognize Jaida Lee. The following was suggested:

- Plaque on the stadium
- Throw first pitch at a regularly scheduled significant senior tournament, spring 2023
- Present Canada Summer Games flag

A report including the September 20, 2022 motion and above recommendations will be prepared for Council's consideration early in 2023.

b. Indoor Tennis Update

Kathy Moldenhauer informed that the City of Niagara Falls will be moving forward with Tennis Clubs of Canada with next steps for an indoor tennis dome at John N Allan Park. Rob McDonald will be the City's project lead. The intention is to have an agreement in place early 2023 with an opening date in the fall.

3. Volunteer Recognition Event

- a. George MacPhail Discussion and Selection

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary Pool, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that Man A Mile is selected as the 2022 George MacPhail Award recipient.

Motion Carried

- b. Civic Pride Discussion and Selection

IT WAS MOVED BY Vito Scaringi, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that George Friesman is selected as the 2022 Civic Pride Award recipient.

Motion Carried

4. Draft Fee Assistance Policy

Staff reviewed the first draft of the Municipal Fee Assistance Policy. Committee supported subsidizing children and older adults with a percentage off registration fees. They also supported providing a pass for families to access nonregistered programs such as public swims and skates. Staff will further refine the policy.

5. Review and Recommendations for next term

- a. Garage Sale

A brief discussion took place, and the committee would like to continue in 2023.

- b. Sport and Recreation Fair

DJ Brooks reviewed the feedback received from participants regarding timing and number of Sport and Recreation Fair opportunities. The committee would like to continue in 2023 by hosting one event in April with the option to add another if enough demand exists. It was suggested that the team consider adding adult options such a yoga studios and to charge a fee for participation. It was also recommended to have lots of experiential opportunities available.

6. Naming and Renaming of City Property (attachments)

- a. Dobbie's Florist
- b. Dr. Melvin Krass

The Committee supports moving forward with further vetting, and if appropriate, adding the above naming requests to the list. Staff requested to provide the complete list at a future meeting. It was suggested that if recognition for Dobbie's Florist moves forward that it be a garden located somewhere in the downtown area.

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

- a. Learn to Coach Soccer, Niagara United Soccer Association. This event took place on October 29. Stephen Sakes is requesting funding to cover costs of registration fees – total fees \$250.00.

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, seconded by Vito Scaringi, that the above applicant be approved for \$75.00.

Motion Carried

8. City of Niagara Falls Activity Subsidy Fund

- a. Application received for financial assistance for one child to participate in gymnastics.

Niagara Falls Lightning Gymnastics Tumble Trak and Trampoline – fee \$258.50. Total request \$258.50.

IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, seconded by Councillor Mike Strange, that the above applicant be approved for \$258.50.

Motion Carried

9. Other Business

None.

10. Next Committee Meeting

December Meeting and Social tbc

11. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Laurie Primeau, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Motion Carried