
South Frontenac Recreation Committee Minutes

Monday, February 29, 2016

Attendance: Chair Mike Howe, Vice-Chair Dan Bell, Councillor Pat Barr, Councillor Mark Schjerning, Councillor Norm Roberts, Kevin Fox, Tim Laprade, Wolfe Erlichman, Alvin Wood, Pam Morey, Tracy Holland, Jamie Brash

Regrets: Donna Brown

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes – Monday, January 16, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes from Monday, January 16, 2016

Moved by: Vice-Chair Dan Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Pat Barr

Carried

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. New Business

a. Bowes Park Playground – Jamie Brash

- Jamie Brash provided hard copies of pictures to circulate at the meeting that show the current structure as well as the proposed structure and layout. Chair Mike Howe requested that electronic copies be sent to him via email in order to share with the Loughborough District Recreation Committee.
- There are two different options to consider. One includes a swing-set and the other does not.
- A slight modification to the site will be needed.
- The structure will likely be installed by the end of May or early June of 2016.

b. User Fees

- Councillor Mark Schjerning has been asked to bring up an issue with user fees by a member of the public. It has been asked why children are being charged user fees to play outdoor sports, such as soccer and baseball, when the objective is to promote active kids in our community.
- There was a discussion as to why user fees were initially implemented. It was a decision made by Council, in order to improve the quality of the fields.
- Most, if not all, groups have not had or heard of any problems with families affording user fees or receiving assistance in paying user fees as there are discreet bursary programs in place for any families that require financial assistance in order for their children to play outdoor sports.

c. Standardization of Recreation Committee Secretaries payments and process

- The committee discussed how each district's minutes are produced and the consensus is that standardization of payments and processes is an excellent idea.

Motion: THAT the South Frontenac Recreation Committee recommends all recording secretaries from all districts be paid at a rate of \$65 per meeting, retroactive to January 1, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Norm Roberts

Seconded by: Kevin Fox

Carried

d. Rideau Corridors plans for Canada's 150th Celebrations (how do we fit into plans)

- An email was circulated to members of the committee indicating that the group would like to be involved with the Township's plans.

e. Portland Recreation Committee Status

- Vice-chair Dan Bell and Pam Morey will continue as the representatives from Portland.
- Tracy Holland has a capital request in regards to a soccer field in Portland and will submit the request in writing.

5. Updates

a. Recreation Guide

- Tim Laprade has had meetings with The Frontenac News and other local companies to discuss future options in producing the Recreation Guide in terms of advertising and information gathering.
- The 2016 edition had 11 advertisement which is a slight increase from 2015.
- Councillor Norm Roberts was concerned about the size and distribution of the ads and user group information slots and would like to suggest a more uniform layout as well as it needs to meet accessibility requirements.

b. Family Day Event

- The event was a big success again this year.
- Vice-Chair Dan Bell was an enormous help by providing information and direction in the planning stages as well as being on-site to help out during the event.
- The Ministry of Health, Healthy Kids Community Challenge covered the costs of the event this year. Kingston Gets Active and Frontenac Minor Hockey helped to facilitate the event.

c. Canada Day Fireworks Proposal

- Tim Laprade concluded negotiations with Fireworks FX with an agreement to amalgamate three separate contracts into one with an improved show and product at no additional charge. Transportation and storage will continue to be handled by Fireworks FX as well as the setting off and cleaning up of the fireworks.

d. 2017 Canada Day “combined” event (feedback from Districts)

- Storrington District is not in favor of a combined event but will contribute volunteers if needed.
- Portland District is in favor of a combined event if other districts will help out.
- Bedford District is impartial as their event is very small.
- Loughborough District is not in favor of a joint event at this time.

e. District Updates

- Storrington District and Loughborough District both received Heritage grants for this year’s Canada Day Celebrations.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2016

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

Recording Secretary: Sarah Vandewal