
South Frontenac Recreation Committee Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2015

Attendance: Chair Mike Howe, Vice-Chair Dan Bell, Councillor Pat Barr, Councillor Norm Roberts, Alvin Wood, Kevin Fox, Tim Laprade, Paul Wash, Wolfe Erlichman, Jamie Brash

Regrets: Councillor Mark Schjerner, Councillor Bill Robinson, Pam Morey

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes from Monday, August 17, 2015

Moved by: Paul Wash

Seconded by: Alvin Wood

Carried

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- No news to report.

4. New Business

a. Budgets/Discussion – Jamie Brash

- Jamie Brash will compile capital budget information discussed at this meeting by the end of the week. The document/spreadsheet will be circulated for discussion at district recreation meetings before it is submitted to Council.
- 15 new picnic tables were distributed this year and the funds were not taken from the capital budget. More may be purchased this year to have enough at each venue without having to constantly move them from site to site to accommodate events.
- Priorities and needs were discussed for each of the districts.

i. Portland

- Pickle Ball “nets”
- baseball diamond maintenance/upgrades
- Boat launch upgrades
- McMullen needs rafts replaced or repaired

ii. Bedford

- Boat launch upgrades
- Wheelchair accessible ramp at Bradshaw and Glendower

iii. Loughborough

- Boat launch upgrades
- Football field reconstruction
- Shoreline restoration
- Hydro at north end of football field
- Fencing to protect football field
- Playground equipment at Bowes Park
- Accessible washrooms at outdoor facilities
- Roof needed at Wilmer Ball Park

iv. Storrington

- Gilmour Point (road/building/hydro)
- Resurfacing basketball courts
- Horseshoe pit upgrades at Gerald Ball
- Fencing is needed to protect model train area
- Grant was submitted to help upgrade kitchen and bathrooms (accessibility)
- Boat launch upgrades

b. 5-Year Recreation Plan

- The committee discussed the components of a 5-year plan and the committee’s role as well as possibly the Health Unit’s assistance in completing surveys and information processing.

c. Long Service Volunteer Recognition Program

- There has been a lot of positive feedback from the districts.
- There was a lengthy discussion about how to proceed and there are concerns about individuals not being recognized for service done elsewhere and not just in the township.
- Tim Laprade is to make changes to the document and circulate to the committee to be discussed with their respective districts.

d. Battersea Ball Park Proposal

- Kyle Gordon, the owner of the Creekside Restaurant wants to help raise money for a new playground and bandstand.
- Chair Mike Howe suggested opening an account at the township office in the name of "Friends of Battersea Park" to be controlled by the district committee. Charitable receipts will also be possible. Tim Laprade will investigate possible grants to match funds or possibly a private business.

5. Updates

a. Summer Camp

- Tim Laprade presented the final report to Council. There was considerable competition with other camps. A camp survey was conducted to determine why people picked the specific camp, what their thoughts were on staffing, and their feeling about the overall experience.
- Numbers continue to decline with the swim camp being the most popular.
- There was a new "sign in/sign out" procedure that still needs to be improved.
- Advertisement and promotion needs to be improved and the information needs to be available earlier to the public.
- Tim Laprade is investigating the possibility of having a more sophisticated registration system.
- The summer camp may be advertised as a "sports camp" next year.
- Vandalism was a serious problem this year.
- Next year, a camp coordinator will be hired again as a separate position.

b. Triathlon

- An RFP draft is to be reviewed by the Loughborough District Recreation Committee.

c. Canada Day Grant

- The grant deadline is November 16 and is available online in October.

d. Update on Point Park Shoreline Restoration

- Tender closes on September 30th, 2015.
- A report with recommendations will be submitted to Council on October 6th, 2015.

e. District Committee Updates

- Operational budgets will be sent out to each district by Mark Segsworth. Committee members would like more communication between the district committees and township employees.
- Dan Bell announced that he will be stepping down as of October. Chair Mike Howe publicly thanked Dan for his hard work and dedication to the South Frontenac Recreation Committee.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary: Sarah Vandewal