

Minutes of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, January 30, 2018

Meeting Location: Town of Minto Municipal Office

Present: Councillor Ron Elliott, Bob McEachern, Bill Raynard,
Geoff Gunson
Staff Present: Matthew Lubbers, Recreation Services Manager
Allan Carr, Recreation Facilities Manager
Greg Mallett, Recreation and Facilities Assistant
Regrets: Councillor Dave Turton, Ryan Fisk, Dorothy Grotenhuis

Councillor Ron Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Review of Minutes:

P.R.A.C. minutes from December 18th, 2017 were reviewed.

MOTION:

Moved by: Bill Raynard and Seconded by: Geoff Gunson

THAT:

The P.R.A.C. minutes of December 18th, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Services Manager's Reports:

Program Progress Report

Services Manager Lubbers is gearing up for spring programming. The Try It Sports program will be running again this year as well as the Grassroots Basketball program. The dates for Mass Registration have been set for March 6th in Clifford, March 7th in Harriston and March 8th in Palmerston. There will be an additional registration night to sign up for swimming lessons in late May, which is new this year.

Program Progress Report

Services Manager Lubbers reported the he has been working on a RFP for an after-school program. This program would be run out of the two local elementary schools. The Town has switched from Red Cross to Lifesaving Society swimming lessons for the upcoming season. This is being done due to the indoor pools in Hanover and Wingham making the switch. The majority of our new lifeguards get their certification through these pools.

Facilities Manager's Reports:

Facilities Maintenance

Facilities Manager Allan Carr reported that the heater in the curling club area and the hot water heater at the Harriston Arena have both been repaired. The Palmerston Arena has received a loaner Olympia as the old one needed repairs. With the new Olympia ordered there will be no charge for the use of the loaner Olympia. The overhead door at the Clifford Arena needed to be repaired and some rentals were moved to Harriston because of this.

Facility and Sports Field Usage

Ice usage in all facilities is strong. A tournament in Clifford ran for the Peewee LL age group in January. Minto Minor Hockey also ran 2 other tournaments in January. Walking groups have started in both Palmerston and Harriston in the auditoriums and continue to be well

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attended. The 2nd annual Fire and Ice event in Palmerston went well with lots of people attending, even with the extremely cold temperatures

Community Meetings

Facilities Manager Allan Carr reported that there will be a community meeting held at 7:00pm on Monday, March 5th at the Town Office. This meeting will allow various local groups and members of the public to learn more and voice their opinion on the current usages as well as future projects and initiatives of parks and green spaces in Harriston.

MOTION:

Moved by: Bill Raynard

THAT:

P.R.A.C. adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday March 5th at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Greg Mallett
Recreation and Facilities Assistant
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee