

Minutes of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, April 4, 2016

Meeting Location: Harriston Train Station

Present: Councillor Ron Elliott, Bill Raynard, Bob McEachern, Geoff Gunson
Staff Present: Allan Carr, Recreation Facilities Manager
Matthew Lubbers, Recreation Services Manager
Grace Wilson, Recreation and Facilities Assistant
Guests: Dwanye Koeslag, Sheila Grein
Regrets: Councillor Dave Turton, Ryan Fisk, Dorothy Grotenhuis

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

Delegation:

Dwayne Koeslag and Sheila Grein appeared as a delegation on behalf of the Harriston Curling Club. The Harriston Curling Club would like to do some minor renovations to the basement carpet and lounge bar over the spring and summer. They have requested help from the Recreation Department to pay for half of the new carpet that will be installed in the basement. The cost will be approximately \$2,300.

MOTION:

Moved by: Bob McEachern and Seconded by: Geoff Gunson

THAT:

Harriston Curling Club goes ahead with their lounge bar project but hold off on the carpet while P.R.A.C. looks into possible ways to help fund the project.

CARRIED

Dwayne Koeslag and Sheila Grein left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Review of February 28, 2016 Minutes:

P.R.A.C. minutes from February 28, 2016 minutes were reviewed.

MOTION:

Moved by: Bob McEachern and Seconded by: Bill Raynard

THAT:

The P.R.A.C. minutes of February 28, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Council Follow-Up:

The Council of the Town of Minto approved the beverage agreement proposed by PepsiCo Beverages Canada.

Service Manager's Reports:

Norgan Theatre

Recreation Service Manager Matthew Lubbers reported that on February 29, the Norgan Theatre Board was presented with the 10th and final installment of \$3,000 from the Palmerston Lions Club. Lion Dave Wilson and Lion Bob McEachern presented the cheque to the Board. Service Manager Lubbers also reported that the debt is now down to \$11,000. Also Dave Wilson and Bob McEachern spoke as a delegation regarding the 70th Anniversary

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of the theatre and research they were in the process of doing on theatre founder George Norgan. Dave Wilson requested the Norgan Theatre Board assist him financially in creating a presentation for the Norgan's 70th Anniversary in 2017 and also acquiring original pictures from when the theatre was built. The board approved \$1,000 to assist Dave Wilson in his research. March at the Norgan was busy with rentals including Big Film Fest screening of Brooklyn, which drew a crowd of 180 attendees.

Program Progress Report

Try It Sports started up again on March 29 and the first night went well. Grassroots Basketball starts on April 5 and the roster is filling up with eager kids ready to hit the court once again with Aaron Bridge. Ball Hockey begins on April 7 and 16 teams have signed up. The Minto Seniors Advisory committee is busy planning their Seniors Olympics and will be offering two new games this year. The games will be held on Thursday, June 9.

Recognition Night

Service Manager Lubbers asked members of P.R.A.C if they knew of any residents or teams that have received awards at a regional, provincial or national level. P.R.A.C. is awaiting the results from the Juvenile National Broomball results in Arnproir, ON on April 13-16.

Facilities Manager's Report:

Facilities Update

Palmerston Arena had repairs done to the overhead door and the Olympia. Also, at the Palmerston Arena a leak was detected in dressing room 2 and will be repaired once the ice is out. A request for proposals has been drafted for work to be done on the Palmerston Arena North Gabel. Harriston Arena had to repair the lobby furnace and Clifford Arena had to replace a coupling on the brine pump. Now that the ice is out in Clifford and Harriston the boards will get cleaned. Park clean-up has begun in all communities and the hydro pole at the Barb Wright Diamond was fixed by Westario. A problem with people driving on the parks and damaging the soccer fields has occurred and the police have been notified. The County of Wellington staff will assist in digitalizing and storing some of the inventory at the Palmerston Train Museum.

Usage Update

The 2016 ice season wrapped up in March at all three arenas. Mass Registration took place at all three community halls and Palmerston and Harriston also had March Break Camp. Clifford Arena hosted the first two weeks of Try It Sports and many of the halls and meeting rooms were once again booked with general meetings, card parties, coffee hours etc.

Concession Booth Operations

Facilities Manager Carr presented the Concession Booth Agreement he would like to tender out to any interested community group. Any group interested in the agreement will have to inform the Town of Minto with information on where the proceeds will go. Staff will review submissions in late May.

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THAT:

The operation on the Harriston and Palmerston Arena concession booths be tendered for any local community groups to bid on with proceeds going to their organization.

CARRIED

New Business

Services Manager Lubbers reported that the Town of Minto is currently in the process of purchasing the White's Junction Trail from 7th line to Palmerston from the Palmerston Trail Association. Also, the Harriston Lawn Bowling Club is in the process of transferring ownership over to the Town of Minto. Facilities Manager Carr reported that he has included insurance and maintenance for the property in his 2016 budget.

The next meeting is Monday, May 30th at 5 p.m. at Drew Community Hall.

Grace Wilson
Recreation and Facilities Assistant
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee