

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 25, 2019

3:00 P.m.

Municipal Office - Council Chambers

PRESENT: Rick Lotan (Chairperson)
Councillor Dalgity
Scott Newton
Terry Ainsworth
Sherryl Smith

STAFF/OTHERS: Calvin Murphy- Recreation Manager
Bonnie Ostrom, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Gerard, Denny O'Connell, Christine Anderson

Chairperson Rick Lotan called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Scott Newton

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

THAT the June 25, 2019 agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/TOURS

- Jeff Mills- Pakenham Trail Working Group Presentation

It was confirmed that Resolution No. 574-17 stated;

“Moved by Mayor McLaughlin

Seconded by Councillor McCubbin

THAT Council support a working group, with Jeff Mills as the lead, to

develop a plan for a trail system in and around the hamlet of Pakenham.”

Jeff Mills provided an overview of the progress of the working group, those involved, the proposed route, accessibility factors, and the final request and next

steps to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Mr. Mills indicated that the working group proposes a non-motorized loop through Pakenham and that the trail be called the “Margi Argue Trail”.

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Scott Newton

THAT The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives this presentation as information.

CARRIED

ACTION: working group and Bridging Generation reports to be shared with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

2. Advisory Committee training- Shawna Stone

- Shawna Stone- Municipal Clerk provided Advisory Committee training to the Committee members and answered all questions posed by the members during their presentation. The Clerk’s office will circulate in the near future the final reference guide for committees.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 28, 2019

Moved by Sherryl Smith

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

THAT the May 28, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

1. Review of Park Tour Notes (May 7, 2019)

The Recreation Manager went through the park lists and identified the items that are regular maintenance issues such as whip snipping, grass cutting etc. Some items were noted as budget 2020 items: fence repairs, removal of dead trees, basketball court at Gemmill Park, shelters near splash pad etc. Possible grants can be looked at for other items such as the upgrade to the Almonte arena upper hall kitchen/bar area.

Sherryl Smith confirmed the Pakenham Horticultural Society organized a working group clean- up day which included volunteers for RBC Pakenham on June 5 at the 5 Span Bridge Park. All items with the exception of the revamp of the 1901 sign were completed.

2. Cyclorace

Members reviewed the proposed route given by the Ottawa Cyclorace group.

Moved by Sherry Smith

Seconded by Scott Newton

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that the proposed route should stay on the wooded trails, up the roadway to the main entrance only.

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the group be required to pay a damage deposit prior to their event.

CARRIED

3. Park boundaries inquiry; Snedden Casey, Wylie St Park, Fred Miller Park

Snedden Casey – urban forest/ benches/ paths behind diamond was noted on the park tour. Sherryl Smith offered to reach out to the Tree Committee and the Mills Community Support to discuss a plan.

Since the parks do not have survey markers it was confirmed that anyone wanting to plant trees in parks review their requests with the Recreation Manger at a site visit.

F. ROUND TABLE

It was noted that there has been a lot of vandalism in Almonte area that Parks & Recreation staff have had to deal with;

- MacGregor Park ball diamond – vehicles on ball diamond
- Gemmill Park washrooms by the splash pad were broken into, damage to the soffit, broken change table

Update on the water issues in the bowl at Gemmill Park, rock and sod have been installed, staff are watering sod ready for Canada Day and Celfest.

G. REPORTS - None

H. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE- None

I. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

J. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Next meeting: Wednesday August 14 at 3:00 p.m in Council Chambers.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Terry Ainsworth

THAT the June 25, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:54p.m.

CARRIED

Bonnie Ostrom, Recording Secretary