

MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOUX LOOKOUT

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE BOREAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ROOM, HERITAGE TRAIN STATION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016, 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CHAIR'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

A. **Attendance**

Committee Members Ms. Adrienne Crosby, Vice-Chair
Cllr. Steve Forbes
Mayor Doug Lawrance
Mr. Jack Roy
Ms. Aileen Urquhart

Regrets Ms. Joanne Peacock

Absent Mr. Jessy Terry, Chair

Staff Mr. Gerson Agustin, Manager of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Jennalea Landry, Assistant Manager of Parks and
Recreation & Secretary of Committee

Other Mr. Nathan Crosby, Nordic Nomads (NN) -
Delegation

B. **Chair to Call the Meeting to order.**

The Vice - Chair called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

2. AGENDA

a) **Additions to the Agenda**

ADD – Report to Council- Recreation Facility – Feasibility Study

b) **Confirmation of Agenda**

Moved By: Ms. A. Urquhart
Seconded By: Cllr. S. Forbes

THAT the Agenda for the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting of Thursday, October 6, 2016 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) **September 12, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

Administration noted spelling corrections to be made to the minutes and will proceed with the revisions.

Moved By: Mayor D. Lawrance
Seconded By: Mr. J. Roy

THAT the Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS - None

Work Plan Item No. 3 – Nordic Nomads (NN) – Concerns – Trails & Cedar Bay Road – Mr. Nathan Crosby appeared before the Parks & Recreation Committee, provided a presentation and responded to questions relative to the above noted.

Mr. G. Agustin will follow up with coordinating a site visit of the ski trail with the Nordic Nomads, as well as the MNR in terms of possible reroute options i.e. around the parking lot, etc.

Furthermore, Mr. G. Agustin responded to maintenance inquiries relative to this trail system and advised he will follow up with a further site visit to assess the what areas on the trails that require maintenance/fill - suggestion to possibly start in a small location walk it and get a better understanding of where to start (do this in stages, as this would be more realistic and feasible in terms of time and cost.)

It was the consensus of the Committee that members be educated relative to increasing their understanding of the trail system and locations within the Municipality.

It was the consensus of the Committee to coordinated all of the trail groups together to partner, fundraise, and to possibly attract more volunteers to participate (Nordic Nomads, Friends of Cedar Bay, Kias Multi-Purpose Trail Group, MNR etc.)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) **2016 Work Plan – Item No. 1 – Dog Park**

At the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on September 12, 2016, there was a discussion relative to the “Dog Park”. Initially, this initiative was added to the 2016 Work Plan due to the interest evidenced in the Facebook Page of the local dog park group. At the time, the Committee had a general discussion in terms of inviting the local dog park group to a meeting to discuss what they would like to see in the development of a dog park. Furthermore it was the consensus of the Committee that an invitation be sent to this group.

Ms. J. Landry provided an update relative the above noted. It was noted that the response from the local dog park group is pending. Ms. A. Crosby, Acting Chair confirmed that the committee approved correspondence was emailed to the dog park group relative to their interest in assisting with the Committee’s initiative and/or providing an action plan for this initiative. Furthermore, it was noted that benches and bicycle racks have been purchased for this park.

It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward with other priorities of the Committee’s work plan until the local dog park group responds to the pending invitation.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) **2016 Work Plan Long Term Projects – Item No. 2 – Recreation Facility – Feasibility Study**

At the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on September 12, 2016, there was a discussion relative to the “2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Work Plan Long Term Project – Project Category – New Recreation Centre/ Arena”. At the time, the Committee had a general discussion of this project in terms proposing it to be a ‘Community Recreation and Wellness Centre’ with further discussion of the Work Plan’s identified “Action Steps”: (a) Assessment – Feasibility Studies; design; establish location; and (b) economic development; as well as the identified “Funding Model”: Municipality of Sioux Lookout/ Grant Funding/ Fundraising.

There was a further discussion of a “Proposed Community Recreation & Wellness Centre Feasibility Study” in keeping in line with the Committee’s long term goals and outlined in the Annual Work Plan relative to conducting a feasibility study, the Committee discussed and considered the following:

In terms of addressing local needs in concept and structure:

- the current need to plan for a replacement of the existing arena and recreation centre, with consideration to repurpose the centre as a "wellness centre";
- the goal of having a "shovel ready" plan (including potential site selection) similar to the planning and preliminary costing that was involved in the airport renovation, with the goal of having a report in place by the end of this term of council;
- in order to accommodate the current and future needs of both the residents of Sioux Lookout and the 30,000 people to the north of the town, the new facility should be designed appropriately sized, as Municipality acts as a social service/medical hub and the Centre’s amenities should include, but not limited to: a twin pad ice surface; a pool; and a fitness/rehabilitation/cardio facility that also includes an indoor running track

In terms of funding:

- Exploration of all traditional funding opportunities and partnership programs with senior levels of government to construct a facility; as well as explore opportunities for innovative partnerships to construct and operate a wellness facility, similar to the four party agreement which made the Meno Ya Win facility a reality;

- initiating discussions for alternative/collaborative funding relationships between area First Nations, thus, maintaining the municipality's premise as a strategic location as the "hub of the North" and the service delivery bridge between ourselves and the 29 First Nation communities to the north and building on our Friendship Accord with neighboring First Nations; and
- the possibility of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to fundraise by formalizing community fundraising efforts.

As a result of this discussion, the following motion was presented for the Committee's consideration:

Moved By: Cllr. S. Forbes
Seconded By: Ms. A. Urquhart

With respect to a "Proposed Community Recreation & Wellness Centre" for the Municipality of Sioux Lookout as presented at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on October 6, 2016, and in keeping in line with the Committee's long-term goals and Annual Work Plan, we recommend that Council explore the option for conducting a feasibility study for this facility, including funding options;

And that the Committee's recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

It was the consensus of the Committee to present a Report with this recommendation to Council for its consideration and direction, in accordance with its Terms of Reference and its approved 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Work Plan.

b) 2016 Work Plan – Item No. 3 – Multi-Purpose Trail Update

Mr. G. Agustin provided an update relative to the site visit with the trail group to GPS the trail and observe the completed by the group on the trail. It was noted that there has been significant progress in the minimal time since the trail group last met with the Committee. The following work has been completed:

- Widening of the existing trail; and
- Logs installed down in wet areas to allow for users to cross easier.

At this time, it was noted that the group is exploring option to seek funding opportunities and partnerships. Furthermore, Mr. G. Agustin commented that in consultation with the MNR regarding the maintenance and work completed on the trail, they have approved of thus far approved, and to their knowledge has not affected the ECO Systems and natural environment (trail is about 2 km long).

c) Terms of Reference - 2016 Annual Committee Report to Council

By-law No. 79-15 – Terms of Reference, requires each committee to report to council at the second meeting of November relative to its annual activities/work plan status, this year’s meeting is to be held on November 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. (Special Council Meeting).

Administration advised the Committee of the date of the meeting, and the process in regards to the presentation of the Committee Report to Council identifying what has been happening with the Committee’s progress with the Council approved annual work plan for the Parks and Recreation Committee; as well as the presentation of the Report by Administration, along with the Committee Chair’s, which will be Ms. Adrienne Crosby, as Acting Chair in the absence of the Mr. Jessy Terry, Chair.

Furthermore, it was advised that Administration, along with the Acting Chair will provide a Draft – Committee Report “2016 Annual Committee Update – Parks & Recreation Committee” for the Committee’s review prior to October 24, 2016 that will be presented to the November 9, 2016 Special Council Meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

a) **Agenda Items – Next Meeting**

- **2016 Work Plan – Item No. 3** – Trail Groups & MNR relative to facilitating a delegation meeting between all trail groups
- **Annual Committee Report to Council** – By-law 79-15 – Terms of Reference, requires each committee to report to council at the second meeting of November relative to its annual activities/work plan status

b) **Date – Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 22, 2016.

9. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

It was the consensus of the Parks and Recreation Committee to adjourn the meeting of October 6, 2016 at 6:36 p.m.