

Centre Hastings Parks Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Arts Centre Hastings

In Attendance: Tom Simpson (Chair), Mike Kerby, Mary Stewart, Shannon Burke, Karen Jones, Kerry Webb, Jeff Bitton (recording secretary)

Regrets: Jean Empey, Harry Quart

Call to Order: 5:00pm

Tom welcomed Kerry Webb as our newest member to the Committee.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mike moved, Karen seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried.

Delegations:

none

Approval of the Minutes of August 17, 2011:

Tom noted the motion for staff to prepare an approval process for alcohol related events in the parks to be amended to include all functions, not just alcohol related events.

Karen moved, Mary seconded, approval of the minutes with this change. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Tom advised of the change in date for the Municipal Declaration at Council to October 26, 2011, as Harry wasn't available in September. Committee members are invited to attend.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Coordinator Report:

Jeff asked for direction on our proposed park dedications. Committee suggested we wait until next Spring to do the Park dedications of the Thomas Thompson and Bronson Parks.

Committee reviewed a draft policy for uniform park signage, staff are to bring proposal along with estimate costing for future meeting / budget consideration.

Jeff noted the splash pad has been left open for RibFest in case we have family attendance, but will be closed the week of September 26th, with the closing of the park being October 10th, (after Thanksgiving). Fall park maintenance will be done after this date.

The pool has been closed and winterized, final report is pending.

A draft special events policy was reviewed, will be amended as per comments and presented at a future meeting for approval.

Jeff advised of a series of volunteer workshops being hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$5.00 a night, beginning October 3, 2011.

Mike moved, Shannon seconded, that the CHPRC committee pay the \$5 fee for any member of our sanctioned volunteer committees wishing to attend. Carried.

Hastings County has sent out Expressions of Interest requests for Surplus play equipment. It has been noted this would be an excellent addition to Whytock Park.

Kerry Moved, Shannon seconded that staff be directed to submit an Expression of Interest #105-2011 Climber to Hastings County for structure #2, and that we would also take other 2 pieces if possible. Carried.

Noted an ad has gone out to recruit new volunteers for the Pool, Canada Day, and Trail committees, deadline for applications is September 30, 2011

Sub Committee Reports:

Arts Centre Hastings:

- no report

Pool Committee:

- no report

Canada Day:

- no report

Regatta:

- final financial report has been completed

Trail Committee:

- no report

Huntingdon Recreation Committee:

- in need of new committee members and certified bar volunteers

- recently had a break-in to the canteen
- Jeff asked to check into getting a listing of Smart Serve trained people

Volunteer Appreciation Committee:

- having a planning meeting in October, going to see the magician next week

Kids Night Out:

- preparing a plan, approaching Healthy Communities for funding, meeting with Kiwanis , hoping to use Arts Centre at no charge
- Tom offered use of the popcorn maker

Skate Park Festival / Competition Committee:

- no report

New Business:

Address Short form

- deferred to a future meeting

Sport/ celebrity signage

- discussion regarding recognizing excellent in sport (ie Steve Bancroft, Johnny Ellis) via signage

Shannon moved, Kerry seconded, staff be directed to prepare a report on creating this sign, including criteria, location, costs for future meeting and budget consideration.
Carried.

CHPRC positions

- Tom asked everyone to consider what positions they wish to volunteer for

Next Meeting:

*** note time change ***

5:00pm

Wednesday October 19, 2011

Arts Centre Hastings

meeting adjourned 5:45pm