



Town of Paradise

Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting

Meeting at the YMCA Building

June 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Larry Vaters, Councillor, Chairperson
Glen Carew, Councillor
Elizabeth Laurie, Councillor
Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Ex-Officio

Staff Present: Lisa Niblock, CAO
Tina Auchinleck Ryan, Director of Recreation and Community Services
Tara Lynch, Recreation Operations Manager
Julie Milley, Recreation Manager
Dawn Doody, Administrative Assistant

1. Safety Moment

Councillor Vaters shared a safety moment.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved and adopted with two additions under New/Other Business.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

It was noted that the item 5e. Zamboni A Battery Charger did not have to be referred to Council as it was an operational expense.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Port Rexton Place

An update was given on the progress at Port Rexton Place.

5. New/Other Business

a. Lakeside Subdivision Correspondence

Correspondence from a resident in Lakeside Subdivision was provided for information purposes.

b. Neighborhood Block Party

An overview was given on the revised Neighbourhood Block Party Policy. Committee recommend sending to Council for approval.

c. Student Summer Employment – High School Grant (SSEP-HS)

Staff advised that the Town has been approved for funding through the Department of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills under the Student Summer Employment – High School Grant (SSEP-HS) and will be hiring one student through Visions Employment.

d. Woodstock Gardens Playground Opening

Staff provided an overview of the Grand Opening Event for the Woodstock Gardens Playground. Staff will distribute door knockers to residents in neighborhood.

e. Turf Score Clock Sponsorship Inquiry

Staff discussed a sponsorship opportunity that was brought forward by Paradise Youth Soccer Association. After review, the committee felt this should be a long-term agreement and recommend sponsorship signage not be permitted on the score clock at Dianne Whalen Turf for 2023.

f. 95th Tely 10 Mile Road Race

Staff advised that this year's 95th Tely 10 Mile Road Race is scheduled for Sunday, June 25th beginning at 8:00am on Topsail Road, west of Tilting Place and finishing at Bannerman Park in St. John's.

g. Canada Day 2023

Committee were given an overview of the Canada Day celebration events. It will commence at 2:00pm with Thomas Amusements opening at 1:00pm The fireworks are scheduled for 10:00pm. In the event of inclement weather, events will be moved inside the Paradise Double Ice Complex.

h. Memorial Day 2023

The committee discussed the Memorial Day 2023 events and provided recommendations for this year's event.

i. Inclusive Recreation

Committee discussed correspondence that was received by Council to provide more inclusive options at our fitness facility. Currently the Town do not have a program in place but will be discussing in the upcoming Budget for 2024.

j. Covered Benches

Council advised that they attended a National Apprenticeship Award Event at the Carpenters Millwright College. The group built covered benches and would like to donate one to the Town if they would like to avail of one.

k. Paradise Park Master Plan

Committee discussed the upcoming pop-up events that are scheduled.

6. Old/Reoccurring Business

a. The Works – Summer Swimming Lessons Update

The Town continues to offer swimming lessons to its residents at the Works. The registration for the summer session is currently full.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.