

Town of Paradise

Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting Boardroom Meeting

February 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Council Present: Glen Carew, Councillor, Chairperson

Larry Vaters, Councillor

Dan Bobbett, Mayor

Staff Present: Lisa Niblock, CAO

Tina Auchinleck Ryan, Director of Recreation and Community

Services

Tara Lynch, Recreation Operations Manager

Dawn Doody, Administrative Assistant Lorie Rumsey, Recreation Manager

Others: Chris Connolly, Guest (left at 6:20pm)

Diane Keough, Guest (left at 6:20pm)

1. Safety Moment

Councillor Carew shared a safety moment.

2. Delegation - ASL Energy "Synthetic Ice" (Scott Parsons)

Mr. Scott Parsons presented to the committee on the synthetic ice surface.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of item 7h.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Elgin Park

Committee were given an update on the Elgin Park report. Staff advised it is currently being reviewed by the Communications Department. In addition, the Elizabeth Park Refresh will be released simultaneously.

b. Youth Advisory Committee

Committee asked for an update on the Youth Advisory Committee. Staff advised that they are planning to advertise it within the next month with a call for youth participation.

c. Pedego

Staff met with Pedego to review their requirements for partnership with the Town. It was determined the pilot project will require space and additional logistics for it to be operational. This will be referred to our Economic Development Officer.

6. Canada Games Updates

a. Lacrosse

An update was provided on the Lacrosse event. In addition, discussions were had on where the Turf will be stored. Committee discussed a NL Lacrosse Team for the Games, the Director will follow up.

b. Beach Volleyball Courts & Progression

An update was given on the timelines of the Beach Volleyball Courts. It was advised that the sand is ordered but the infrastructure for the courts needs to be built. The Town will determine where the sand will be stored. Committee also discussed the small dog park.

c. Beach Volleyball Equipment

Canada Games advised that the procurement for the Beach Volleyball Equipment must be done through the Town. The Town will only purchase what is required in the MOU.

d. Beach Volleyball Bleachers

The Town purchased two sets of bleachers in 2023 and have budgeted for four sets in 2024. The remaining bleachers were discussed for the 2025 budget.

7. New/Other Business

a. Rotary Dinner and Auction

Rotary requested the facility for their annual dinner and auction. Staff will review to see if they can be accommodated. It was requested that this annual event be included in the MOU.

b. Horse Cove Beach

Committee discussed a request from a resident to rename Horse Cove Beach. It was noted that this park is not currently developed with more work to be done in this area.

c. Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Request

Committee discussed the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program request and recommend becoming a community partner and offer the space free of charge to Revenue Canada to facilitate the free tax clinic to benefit Paradise residents.

d. Regimental Tournament 2024

Committee were provided with additional information on the Regimental Tournament.

e. Confederation Cup Hockey Tournament

Committee were advised of the Confederation Cup Tournament that is happening next weekend and the goal is to make this an annual event. Committee agree to look at options to rearrange the existing items inside the trophy case and find space to display the Confederation Cup Trophy.

f. Paradise Minor Hockey Signage Request

Committee discussed a sign request from the Paradise Minor Hockey and agreed to send the request to the Communications Department. This sign would align with the Towns Respectful Workplace Policy.

g. New Years Eve Fireworks - Correspondence

Committee discussed the resident correspondence regarding the fireworks on New Years Eve. Committee also requested staff obtain more information on the laser light shows with drones for special events.

h. Paradise Park Masterplan

Committee asked for an update on the Paradise Park Master Plan. Staff will bring it back to next Committee for further discussion.

8. Old/Reoccurring Business

a. New Years Eve Fireworks Follow up

Committee were given the additional costs to have New Years Day as a backup date for the Fireworks and agreed to proceed with scheduling staff for the backup date for the New Years Eve Fireworks Event.

b. Communities in Bloom 2024

Committee gave an overview of requirements for Communities in Bloom 2024 and spoke to the March deadline. Committee agreed that we will hold off for 2024 but hope to participate in 2025. This event will involve all

departments collaboration. Staff to bring back to the Committee in a few months to discuss further.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.