



Town of Paradise

Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting

In Person Meeting

June 10, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Council Present: Patrick Martin, Councillor, Chairperson
Kimberley Street, Deputy Mayor
Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Ex-Officio

Staff Present: Tina Auchinleck Ryan, Director of Recreation and Community Services
Tara Lynch, Recreation Operations Manager
Lorie Rumsey, Recreation Manager
Dawn Doody, Administrative Assistant

1. Safety Moment

Councillor Martin shared a safety moment.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. 2025 Canada Games Update

An update was provided on the fencing for the 2025 Canada Games. The Committee also discussed the two turfs and storing options with information provided on seacans.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes were approved with a revision under Paradise Park Master Plan Update as an overview was provided on the dog parks only.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Lanark Basketball Court Update

A suggestion was brought forward to post a physical sign on Lanark Drive to note that a Basketball Court is coming soon.

6. New/Other Business

a. PMB Inc - Active NL Grant

Information on the Active NL Grant was provided for information purposes.

b. Big Picture Update

The Big Picture was attached for information purposes. Committee will review and it will be brought back to next meeting for further discussion.

c. MAX Families 5 Year Agreement

The committee agreed to enter into a five year agreement with MAX Families to provide them space to hold their after school program in the RPYCC at a set cost.

d. Creative Home Grant – Art Residency Stream

Staff provided details on an application to seek funding to create an art piece using illusion and perspective art. The grant will be decided on June 14, 2024. If the Town is successful, there will be a process with inclusive workshops for our community.

e. Embracing Neurodiversity Conference

Staff recently attended a conference on Embracing Neurodiversity and gave an overview to the Committee. Staff advised that things that were learned are being incorporated into our day camps this summer.

f. Request for Portable Washrooms on Adams Pond Trail

Committee discussed a request for portable washrooms on the Adams Pond Trail and agreed not to proceed at this time.

g. June Recreation Calendar

The June Recreation Calendar was provided for information purposes.

h. Point and Play - Playground

Staff were provided with a picture of an all-inclusive Point and Play - Playground that has been implemented in other parts of the country. Committee feel it would be a fantastic addition to our playgrounds. Staff will investigate options to incorporate.

i. Summer Jams Concert Series

The Town of Paradise is holding its second annual Summer Jams Concert Series, an event that brings residents and families together, to enjoy live music in various local parks. Communications will be promoting it next week, and a suggestion was to put up signage at the park.

j. Youth Ventures

A request was received from Youth Ventures, seeking use of rooms at the RPYCC at no cost. Committee recommend upholding policy RCS-008 under the Not-for-Profit Organization category and recommend applying the 50% discount of the regular rental rate of the rooms requested.

k. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference

Deputy Mayor Street spoke about the FCM conference that she recently attended and brought forward ideas and suggestions for the Town to consider.

l. Backyard Ultra Marathon

Discussions took place regarding the Backyard Ultra Marathon with regards to a donation. In addition, the organizers would like to make it a yearly event and possibly look at entering a 5-year agreement with the Town. This will be brought to the next Committee meeting.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.