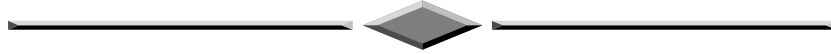


The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays
Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee Meeting Minutes – August 7th, 2007
Minutes



There was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee held at 4:00 p.m., on August 7th, 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Attendance

Chair	Margaret Casey
Co-Chair / Councillor	Ben Boivin
Members of Committee	Shane Baker
	Earle Northover
	Sarah Soberg
	Patricia Doyle
Mayor	Janet Peake
Public Works Supervisor (Facilities)	Morris Bryant
Community & Recreation Coordinator	Jennifer Schnier
Administrative Assistant	Carrie Sykes

Regrets

Member of Committee	Peter Bell
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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on August 7th, 2007 by Chair Margaret Casey.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution # 2/08/07/07

Earle Northover and Ben Boivin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee agenda dated August 7th, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

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3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee meeting dated July 9th, 2007 were approved as circulated.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

Nil

6. **REPORTS**

Water Access Points

(i) **Report re: Open Space Classification System, Parks Master Plan Recommendation 18**

Chair Casey noted that this item had been deferred from the last meeting and opened the discussion with respect to the proposed classification system.

The committee reviewed the report and corresponding charts. The importance of developing a classification system for open space was acknowledged.

(k) **Report re: Draft Water Access Point Classification System**

The committee members reviewed the proposed water access point classification listing using a rating system with #1 being an unimproved access point to #3 being a more developed access point.

Discussion was held about the access points in the Township and the draft water access point classification.

It was noted that Blue Lake requires over night parking and staff was directed to check on this request and to respond back to committee.

Committee members will attend the access points in their area and if there are any changes they are to notify the Community & Recreation Coordinator. It was noted that this information will be useful in the future for creating a map for the public to use in determining which lakes have public access and to what extent they are accessible.

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It was determined by the committee that the draft classification system will be useful and decided to include in the classification recreational activities that can be done at each access point such as fishing.

Staff was directed to create a map using the information gathered by staff, the committee and from the Parks Master Plan, of access points for the Township website for public access.

T1b

It was noted that this was a large project to get started and as a result staff required additional time to complete this task. The Community and Recreation Coordinator was asked to provide the committee with timelines for the project in segments.

Staff was directed to proceed with the preliminary stages of the project.

(j) Report re: Work Plan for Signage at Water Access Points

Deferred until September 24th meeting.

Recreation

(c) Report re: Baysville Youth Group

The Community and Recreation Coordinator provided copies of a brochure that is to be distributed at the focus group meetings to be held in Baysville with respect to the Baysville After Hours After School Program.

The following items were highlighted:

- Business plan will be provided when completed;
- This program can run 188 days of the school year;
- Program to be run out of the Baysville Community Centre;
- Two focus group meetings have been held and a further parents meeting is to occur on Wednesday, August 8th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Baysville Community Centre;
- Operating hours daily Monday to Friday 3:40 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
- Program available for school age children 6 to 12 years of age;
- Interest in having qualified instructors and High Five Accreditation through Parks and Recreation Ontario;
- Fall and winter electives of dance, music and art;
- Monthly trips for swimming, rock climbing, geo-caching, etc;
- Community Contribution such as clean ups, gardening, Santa Claus Parade, etc;
- Program has two years to see if worthwhile; and
- Royal Bank of Canada is hoping for at least 40 children enrolment;

The committee reviewed the brochure and directed staff to rearrange the facts listed as per their recommendations and to include a picture from the Baysville Youth Group. It was also noted in reference to the program being offered on Professional Development (P.D.) Days and during March Break that staff check with the libraries who already host activities during these times. As a result staff was directed to remove the P.D. days and March Break off the hand out at this time.

T2a

(e) Report re: Dwight Lakeside Seniors Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Ontario

The Community and Recreation Coordinator explained that the Dwight Lakeside Seniors had submitted an application, with the assistance of Township staff, to the Ontario Trillium Foundation proposing to renovate, rehabilitate and make accessible the kitchen and doorway of their facility and advised that the seniors require Council's support for the \$39,259.00 grant.

The following renovations were indicated on the grant application:

- New upper and lower cupboards,
- An island with lower counters on one side to accommodate the required height for wheelchair accessibility,
- New flooring,
- Three sinks,
- New countertops,
- Widening the entrance to the kitchen to ensure wheelchair accessibility.

The total cost of the renovation is \$48,000 so the community is raising the remainder of the funds.

The committee discussed the grant application and proposed renovations and passed the following resolution:

Resolution # 6(e)/08/07/07

Shane Baker and Patricia Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee recommend to the Township of Lake of Bays Council that they support the grant application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the amount of \$39,259.00 to renovate, rehabilitate and make accessible the kitchen and doorway of the Dwight Lakeside Seniors Facility.

Carried.

(a) Report re: IronMan 70.3

The Community and Recreation Coordinator advised committee that the Town of Huntsville and the Township of Lake of Bays submitted a bid to co-host the 2008 Ironman Triathlon and were successful.

The triathlon is scheduled to commence on Sunday, September 14th, 2008 and will be hosted in the Muskoka area for five consecutive years.

A copy of the proposed bike route map was reviewed and it was noted that in order for the route to go through Dwight, Dorset and Baysville communities a 2.3 km portion of road would be required to be paved.

A press release will be held at Deerhurst Resort on Thursday, August 9th for the public announcement of the 2008 Muskoka Ironman.

Parks

(b) Report re: Chimney Park

Chair Casey noted that at the last meeting committee suggested that Algonquin Highlands Dorset Park Project (AHDPP) Committee be approached about including Chimney Park to their table for discussion on how the public would like to see this park be developed, if at all.

The Community and Recreation Coordinator reported that the AHDPP Committee was already busy with Dorset Park and the Trading Bay Parkette to also include Chimney Park to the public consultation process and suggested that the Township of Lake of Bays organize the public consultation on their own.

Chair Casey asked Committee to defer this matter until further exploration and discussion could take place.

(d) Nil

(f) Report re: Mayor's Golf Tournament

The Community and Recreation Coordinator advised that initial plans were orchestrated for a Mayor's Golf Tournament to raise funds for the youth in the Township of Lake of Bays, but due to time restraints, resources and staffing the project will be deferred until 2008.

A resolution will be brought forward this fall to confirm support for the project so that event planning can commence.

Trails**(g) Report re: Hillside & Oxtongue Rapids Trail Openings**

Chair Casey advised that she has walked the Hillside Trail with Len Ross, the outgoing President of Peninsula Lake Association this past Saturday. Mr. Ross noted the September 22nd trail opening at the Peninsula Lake Association General Meeting.

It was noted that Take Heart Muskoka were having staffing difficulties and were behind in distributing the grant funds and the committee recommended that staff pay for the mapping and signage out of the Parks and Recreation – trails capital budget up to \$3,000 in the mean time as to not hold up the progress of this project.

(h) Nil

7. DISCUSSIONS

Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Casey brought to the committee's attention that at the end of last week the Health Unit advised the Township that the tests on the water at the Dwight beach had come back with elevated E-coli counts. The Dwight beach was posted with health warnings but the beach did not have to be closed. The committee noted their concern of where the high levels of E-coli came from or what the cause was.

T2b

Also noted was the bottom stair at the Baysville swimming lesson area which keeps getting removed by vandals. Staff keeps putting the step back on but need to address the situation and come up with a solution.

Councillor Boivin advised that he will be meeting with the Port Cunnington Association with respect to the landing. He has familiarized himself with the golf course agreements, current Municipal Access User's Agreements (MAUA) and will bring discussions back to this committee as well as to Council. Mayor Peake noted that Margaret Legg is interested in joining these discussions.

(a) Next Steps

Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 10/08/07/07

Earle Northover and Ben Boivin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourn at 6:30 p.m. to meet again on September 24th, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dwight Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Carried.

Chair

Clerk