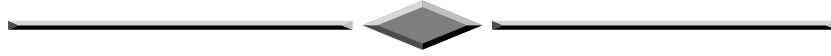


The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays
Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee Meeting Minutes – October 15th, 2007
Minutes



There was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee held at 4:00 p.m., on October 15th, 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
Mayor	Janet Peake (arrived 4:14 p.m.)
Members of Committee	Shane Baker
	Peter Bell
	Earle Northover
	Sarah Soberg (left at 5:30 pm)
	Patricia Doyle
Public Works Supervisor (Facilities)	Morris Bryant (arrived 4:10 p.m.)
Administrative Assistant	Carrie Sykes
Community & Recreation Coordinator	Jennifer Schnier

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on October 15th, 2007 by Chair Margaret Casey.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution # 2/10/15/07

Shane Baker and Patricia Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee agenda dated October 15th, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee meeting dated September 24th, 2007 were approved as circulated.

5. DELEGATIONS

- (a) **4:05 p.m. Sophie Lovell, Lake of Bays Resident**
Re: Activation Conference

Deferred until November 19th, 2007 meeting.

6. REPORTS

Miscellaneous

- (a) **Report re: October 9th, 2007 Resolutions for Council Consideration**

Chair Casey reviewed the resolutions forwarded to Council by the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee from their last meeting for recommendation on October 9th, 2007. Council accepted the following recommendations:

- Red Cross swimming lessons for 2008;
- IronMan Volunteer community group; and

deferred the recommendation to reduce the rental rates of the Baysville Community Centre for the Baysville After Hours Program until a cost comparison could be done.

Recreation

- (b) **Report re: High Five Accreditation**

The Community & Recreation Coordinator explained to the committee that HIGH FIVE is Ontario's only provincially-endorsed, comprehensive quality standard for organizations providing recreation and sport programs to children ages six to twelve years and that by completing the accreditation program the Township of Lake of Bays would become:

- Recognized as a quality service provider;
- More effective in program delivery with increased enrollment and have greater access to funding;
- More focused on risk management;
- Able to access innovative resources and individualized tracking tools; and
- Able to offer better customer service.

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The cost of a yearly membership fee is \$300 plus training expenses and it is estimated that completion of the course will take two years.

The committee discussed the proposal and agreed to support the participation of the Township of Lake of Bays in the accreditation program. The following resolution was passed.

Resolution # 6(b)/10/15/07

Peter Bell and Ben Boivin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee recommend to Mayor and Council of the Township of Lake of Bays to support the Township of Lake of Bays application of achieving HIGH FIVE Accreditation through Parks and Recreation Ontario, for all youth based programming.

Carried.

(c) Report re: PlayWorks

The Community & Recreation Coordinator was asked to look into the PlayWorks, Youth Friendly Community Recognition Program to see if the Township of Lake of Bays would qualify, however the committee was advised that the municipality doesn't qualify this year under the current criteria.

The organization has recognized 14 communities that are Youth Friendly Communities and are provided funding. These communities actively support and provide opportunities for the growth and development of youth through play.

Staff will be participating in a conference call on October 18th at 7 p.m. to learn more about the program.

The committee discussed different means in which they could get the youth more involved in the communities such as participating as an organizer in the upcoming IronMan event and having a member of the youth sit on this committee for representation.

T1b

Committee members concurred that the introduction of youth representation on the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee was an excellent idea and staff was directed to prepare for the change in committee structure.

(d) Report re: Baysville After Hours Name Change & Update

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The Community & Recreation Coordinator provided an update on the Baysville After Hours program and noted the following:

- On average between 9 to 11 children daily;
- Fridays so far have had the lowest attendance;
- 21 children are registered.

On November 21st, 2007 the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) will be attending the Baysville After Hours program to unveil a canvas banner that RBC has asked the program kids to create to celebrate the efforts of our Canadian Athlete in Beijing for the Summer 2008 Olympics. An Olympian, our local MPP and MP, the Mayor and members of Council and RBC officials will be in attendance for the event.

The committee was asked to attend. Sarah Soberg, Peter Bell and Patricia Doyle confirmed their ability to attend.

The Mayor suggested this event be advertised in the Township's ¼ page notice board of the Huntsville Forester.

The Community & Recreation Coordinator was happy to advise that the program's business plan estimated that 18 kids were to be enrolled by November 1st and currently on October 15th they had surpassed their estimation with 21 kids, noting that the program is a success so far.

Trails**(e) Report re: Paint Lake and Dorset Park Trail Signage**

The Community & Recreation Coordinator advised that the trail head signs for the Hillside Hamlet trail and the Oxtongue Rapids trail will be installed shortly and that the signs for the Paint Lake Bridge Bellwood Acres trail and the Dorset Urban Route will be ordered based on the same design as the previous signs which was approved by this committee.

7. DISCUSSIONS**(a) Discussion re: Sport Council Conference**

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The November 2nd to 4th, 2007 Sport Council Conference was discussed. It was recommended that the committee if they couldn't attend the whole conference at least attend the Friday night delegation of Cathy Priestner Allinger, Vice President of VANOC (Vancouver Olympic Committee) Director of Sport and Venue.

Registration to the conference is \$150.00 and the Township of Lake of Bays has twenty subsidized spots for anybody that would like to attend but finds the registration fee an obstacle.

(b) Discussion re:Parks Garbage & Washroom Facilities

Discussion was held about the parks garbage receptacles and washroom facilities and the length of time they are placed in the municipality's parks.

It was noted that the majority of garbage receptacles and washroom facilities had been removed from the parks prior to the end of September leaving the area's visitors to have to leave their garbage in bags on site and with no washroom facilities.

The Public Works Supervisor of Facilities advised that normally the parks are shut down when the arena opens for the season, due to the limited Parks & Recreation staff.

Committee noted their appreciation of the scheduling conflict but pointed out that the fall season was the height of tourism in this area with hundreds of visitors a day here to see the beautiful foliage.

Staff was directed to make changes, possibly working together with the Public Works Department, to the policy to include sites that could be opened earlier and stay open longer in the year to accommodate our many visitors. It was suggested that, pending weather patterns, staff look at opening the parks on May 24th and close after Thanksgiving weekend.

(d) Discussion re:Hydro One Power Play Grant Update

At the last meeting, committee recommended that this grant be applied for new electric motors to run the compressors at the Baysville Arena. An update was provided that a joint partnership between the Baysville Arena and the Baysville Curling Club could be possible with the sharing of the electric motors to run the compressors in both facilities.

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The CAO/Treasurer is currently looking into this possibility and will be reporting on it at the next Finance & Corporate Services Committee meeting.

(d) Discussion re: Hydro One Power Play Grant Update (cont'd)

Earle Northover briefed committee on status of the Dorset Park project.

(c) Discussion re: Water Access Signage Update

T2a

Chair Casey noted that permission had to be requested by the District of Muskoka to post the little directional trail signs along District Road #8 (Limberlost Road) for the Hillside Hamlet trail and advised that water access boat launching signs can be posted without an annual fee as they are considered public announcements.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Casey advised committee of the following items:

- Committee members were asked to bring forward any 2008 budget items for the next meeting.
- A number of policies will be coming forward to the next meeting and will be distributed via email prior to the meeting for committee members to review. Anyone not able to receive them by email should notify staff.

Shane Baker noted that the residents of Camp Lake are very pleased that the launch (docking) facility was worked on last week and commented on how the work done was beyond their expectations.

For committee's information, Councillor Boivin distributed copies of correspondence from Mr. David Ticoll on behalf of the Bigwin & Port Cunnington Community Association regarding the traffic study currently being completed on District Roads #21 and #22.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 10/10/15/07

Shane Baker and Patricia Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourn at 5:50 p.m. to meet again on November 19th, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dwight Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Carried.

Chair

Clerk