

**The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays  
Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee Meeting Minutes – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008  
Minutes**

There was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee held at 4:00 p.m., on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 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
	Peter Bell
	Patricia Doyle
	Earle Northover
Mayor	Janet Peake
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Oesch
Community & Recreation Coordinator	Jennifer Schnier

**Regrets**

Member of Committee	Sarah Soberg
Public Works Supervisor (Facilities)	Morris Bryant

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 by Chair Margaret Casey.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution # 2/03/03/08**

**Shane Baker and Pat Doyle**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee agenda dated March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 be adopted as amended.**

**Additions**

- 1. Report - 6(f) (i) Pitch In**
- 2. Report – 6(f) (ii) Dwight Summer Day Camp**

**Carried.**

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee meeting dated January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 were approved as circulated.

**5. DELEGATIONS**

Nil

**6. REPORTS**

**Miscellaneous**

(a) Report re: November 2008 Work Plan

Chair Casey reviewed any changes, revisions and additions made to the 2008 Work Plan. Chair noted that the purpose of reviewing the Work Plan is to check timelines, making it clear to staff and Committee members what their deadlines are for various actions and making sure that staff and Committee members are meeting their targets. It has been suggested that for projects lead by the PRT committee there should be a minimum of two people championing each project; the Chair asked each committee member to indicate, before the next meeting, which projects they would like to champion. Staff was also directed to forward the letter received from Marc Jordan regarding the Dickson Home to committee members.

**Recreation**

(b) Report re: Iron Man 70.3

The Community and Recreation Coordinator requested that each Committee member find five suitable host families each to billet one elite athlete. The host family would have to live within 15 kilometers of Deerhurst Resort and if they live further than 15 kilometers the host family would have to supply transportation.

The Community and Recreation coordinator has all the criteria with respect to dietary needs, arrival and departure times and any special needs of the athletes. Committee members are to e-mail the Community and Recreation Coordinator with any information

regarding families interested in becoming a host family within two weeks of this meeting.

(c) Report re: Ontario Winter Games

The Community and Recreation coordinator reported that the application submitted by the Township of Lake of Bays to host the Ontario Winter Games has been accepted and a site tour has been arranged for March 19, 2008. At the end of this tour there will be a reception in Gravenhurst at the Grace and Speed Museum tentatively scheduled for 5:00 p.m. All Committee members are encouraged to attend this event.

Chair directed staff to provide the report regarding the Ontario Winter Games previously submitted to Finance and Corporate Services Committee to the Park, Recreation and Trails Committee members.

(d) Report re: Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) Conference

The Community and Recreation coordinator reported that the 2008 PRO Educational Forum and Trade Show will be held from March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Deerhurst Resort. A copy of the application and agenda were provided and if any committee members are interested in attending please contact the Community and Recreation Coordinator.

(e) Report re: CIAF – Communities in Action Funding (2008 Grant)

The Community and Recreation coordinator is preparing a new Communities in Action Fund grant for 2008. The purpose of this grant is to create activity where there is inactivity. If there is already a program in place then we could augment their existing program.

The Committee discussed various community groups that would benefit from this grant such as the walking programs, mom and tot programming and seniors fitness.

We are applying for a grant close to \$35,000.00 and the deadline for this application is March 20, 2008.

(f) Report re: Muskoka Futures Grant

The Community and Recreation Coordinator reported that the Township of Lake of Bays applied for a \$5,000.00 grant to purchase a PA system that can be used for all events within Lake of Bays.

**Resolution # 6(f)03/03/08**

**Pat Doyle and Ben Boivan**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee recommend to the Council that the Township of Lake of Bays accept a \$5000.00 grant from the Muskoka Futures Corporation for the purpose of purchasing a PA system that can be used for all events within Lake of Bays.**

**AND FURTHER, that such equipment will be available for all municipalities in Muskoka, and Algonquin Highland for a no charge rental, (damage deposit excluded) for the purpose of sharing resources to promote various events in our region.**

**Carried**

- (f) (i) Dwight Summer Day Camp –deferred**
- (f) (ii) Pitch-In –deferred**

**Trails**

**Nil**

**Parks**

**(g) Report re: Dorset Park Project Update**

Chair Casey reported that further to the Meeting held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, it was identified that the top priority was to put a cover on the rink. Chair Casey advised that the existing location of the rink had some difficulties in accommodating all of the other improvements previously discussed.

Chair Casey and the Committee discussed the possibility of getting a consultant to be retained to investigate the cost of moving the rink. Mayor Peake has put in a request to find out if there is an existing survey and whether there are any corner markers on the property.

**Resolution # 6(g) 03/03/08**

**Pat Doyle and Ben Boivan**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee recommend to the Council of the Township of Lake of Bays to direct staff to continue to support and work toward completion of the Dorset Park Project in the following areas:**

- Investigate the cost involved with moving the existing rink, rink shack, site preparations and legal surveys
- Research rink cover options such as size, material and serviceability
- Explore grant and funding opportunities
- Seek support from both councils regarding the revisions to the Shared Service Agreement for this project

**Carried**

Chair Casey gave direction to staff to proceed with these investigations.

**(h) Report re: Parks Garbage**

Deferred

**Facilities**

**(i) Report re: Defibrillator**

The training for the defibrillators has been re-scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. If any Committee member would like to attend please call staff in the morning, the training is from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

**7. DISCUSSIONS**

Nil

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**(a) Next Steps**

1. Norway Point Work Plan
2. Rabbits Bay
3. Presentation from Deb Cumming LOBA Environment Eco-Lawns
4. Mill Announcement

5. Garbage Report
6. Dwight Summer Day Camp
7. Pitch-In

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution # 10/03/03/08**

**Mayor Peake and Pat Doyle**

**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 March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dwight Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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Clerk