



The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
MINUTES

October 27, 2020
3:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Municipal Office
3131 Old Perth Road

Committee Present: Councillor Dalgity
Councillor Guerard
Terry Ainsworth
Vicki Lowe
Sherryl Smith (3:25 pm)
Scott Newton
Victoria James-Lafleur (3:35 pm)
Lyn Button

Regrets: Christine Anderson

Staff Present: Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager
Bonnie Ostrom, Administrative Assistant Recreation & Culture
Dawn McDonald, Recording Secretary

A. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Dalgity, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None were declared.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Scott Newton

Seconded by Councillor Guerard

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Terry Ainsworth

Seconded by Councillor Guerard

THAT the minutes dated March 3, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

F. REPORTS

None

G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

G.1 Introduction of New Committee Members

Each member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee introduced themselves and stated where they lived.

G.2 Appointment of Committee Chairperson

Councillor Dalgity read aloud the resignation letter received from Rick Lotan, previous Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

The Chair called for nominations for the vacant position. Scott Newton was the only nomination received. Scott accepted the nomination and the Committee voted unanimously in favour of appointing him as Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

G.3 Start time for future meetings

All Committee members present agreed to have meetings held on the last Tuesday of the month commencing at 3:45 pm for a duration of one to one and a half hours per meeting.

The next meeting will be held on November 24th, 2020. There will be no meeting held in December. Regular monthly meetings will resume again in January 2021.

G.4 Municipal Dog Park

Council, at a Committee of the Whole meeting on August 25, 2020, actioned this item back to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to work with staff to conduct public consultation through a survey that includes dog park options, public interest, costs and location.

The Committee agreed to have Laurel Cook appear as a delegation at the November 24th Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to provide additional information on the topic.

H. ROUND TABLE

1. Outdoor Rink - The Recreation Manager spoke about the time and work required to maintain an outdoor rink. Vicki James-LaFleur offered to pursue recruitment of volunteers interested in maintaining the rink at the Augusta Street park for the 2020-2021 season.
2. Almonte Curling Club Walking Program -The Almonte Curling Club cancelled the 2020-2021 season due to low registration so the space will now be used for a Walking Club on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 am - 10 am and on Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 pm with the possibility of two additional evening sessions to be added. This program will commence on November 2nd, 2020 and run until March 2021.
3. COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols - Extensive cleaning is taking place at all arenas, parks and public facilities. Staff are working with the Public Health Unit in implementing necessary guidelines and protocols.
4. Adopt-a-Park Policy - Council approved the policy at its meeting on May 5, 2020. The Adopt-a-Park policy has been added to our website. Interest has been expressed by those in the community and one park has been adopted.

5. Areas of Interest - item to be added to the November 24, 2020 Committee agenda for members to provide information on their areas of interest, reasons for wanting to be on the Committee and suggested items for future discussion/advancement.
6. Linda Nilson - The sad news of the recent passing of Linda Nilson was shared with the Committee. Linda was an active volunteer in the community and a driving force in the Augusta Street park revitalization.

I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

I.1 Disc Golf

Terry Ainsworth provided a summary of survey results about the Disc Golf usage in Gemmill Park.

J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

None

K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vicki Lowe

Seconded by Sherryl Smith

THAT the October 27, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:17 pm.

CARRIED

Dawn McDonald, Recording
Secretary