



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

**MINUTES**

**March 30, 2021**

**3:45 p.m.**

**E-participation**

Committee Present: Councillor Dalgity  
Councillor Guerard  
Scott Newton (4:08 pm)  
Lyn Button  
Sherryl Smith  
Terry Ainsworth  
Vicki Lowe  
Victoria James-Lafleur

Committee Absent: Christine Andersen

Staff Present: Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager  
Dawn McDonald

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm

**A.1 Motion to appoint an acting Chair for the March 30, 2021 meeting**

**Moved by** Sherryl Smith

**Seconded by** Vicki Lowe

**WHERE AS** the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Scott Newton, was unable to attend the start of the meeting due to a last minute emergency;

**THAT** the Committee appoint Councillor Dalgity to Chair the meeting in Scott's absence.

**CARRIED**

**B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Councillor Guerard

**Seconded by** Vicki Lowe

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by** Sherryl Smith

**Seconded by** Vicki Lowe

That the minutes dated February 23, 2021 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**F. Reports**

**F.1 Almonte Community Centre - Upper Hall Kitchen Review**

Committee members to provide input. Public Health regulations for rental of kitchen space to be taken into consideration as part of the design phase.

**Action:** Recreation Manager to arrange a site visit in April for members who are not familiar with the kitchen area at the Almonte Community Centre.

**Moved by** Sherryl Smith

**Seconded by** Lyn Button

That the Committee receive the report for information.

**CARRIED**

## **F.2 Recreation Program Review Working Group - March 9, 2021 Minutes**

The Recreation Manager provided a recap of the Recreation Program Review meeting held on March 9, 2021.

## **F.3 Dog Park Working Group - March 19, 2021 Minutes**

Councillor Dalgity, on behalf of the working group, thanked Vicki Lowe for her gracious offer to put together the survey questions. Next meeting of the working group is April 8, 2021. Survey questions will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on April 27, 2021.

**Action:** Recreation Manager to get an opinion on what types of fencing can be used on a community park and what is the Municipality's liability.

## **G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

None

## **H. ROUND TABLE**

### **H.1 Spring Clean Up**

A group of volunteers from the horticultural society in Pakenham cleaned up litter at the Bridge Park and put chicken wire around some of the trees to keep the beavers from destroying them.

Another group of volunteers have adopted a portion of Gemmill Park and have chipped in to clean up litter on two occasions so far this Spring

It was confirmed that "Pitch-in-Day" falls under the Community and Economic Development Committee. As with many other events, this too has been impacted by COVID-19 and it is still not clear if it will take place this year. However, people are encouraged to get out on their own to clean up streets and parks in their community.

### **H.2 Public Washrooms in Parks**

The Municipality plans to open washrooms starting in May. Staff will consult with Public Health regarding necessary covid protocols. In 2020 cleaning of washrooms were done every two hours. It is anticipated that the same cleaning schedule will be required for the current year. A schedule will be developed that will provide time for cleaning of all public washrooms every two hours.

### **H.3 Mill Run Park**

A report recommending the award of Contract 21-03 Mill Run Park Development will be on the agenda for the April 6, 2021 Council meeting. Work is to start this summer.

### **H.4 Summer Programs in Mississippi Mills**

#### **a. Soccer**

The Almonte Soccer Club met last week. They hope to be able to have a regular season this year.

The Pakenham Recreational Soccer, which is run by volunteers through the Municipality, is still not certain how safe measures can be put in place to allow for screening and safety protocols but they too are hopeful that there will be kids soccer this year.

#### **b. Baseball**

The baseball diamonds in Mississippi Mills will open the end of May.

It is still uncertain if there will be a recreational "little league" this year.

Competitive baseball leagues are looking to move forward but it is still uncertain whether games will be permitted or if teams will be limited to practices only.

Recreational softball are reaching out to book ball parks for the 2021 season.

#### **c. Basketball**

There is no outdoor organized basketball offered through the Municipality.

Indoor basketball has been held in the school gymnasiums in the past but there is currently no access to school facilities.

### **I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 3:45 pm

**L.     ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** Vicki Lowe

**Seconded by** Victoria James-Lafleur

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:22 pm

**CARRIED**

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Dawn McDonald, Recording  
Secretary