



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

MINUTES

June 29, 2021

3:45 p.m.

E-participation

Committee Present: Councillor Dalgity
Sherryl Smith
Scott Newton
Terry Ainsworth
Vicki Lowe
Victoria James-Lafleur

Committee Absent: Christine Andersen
Lyn Button
Councillor Guerard

Staff Present: Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager
Dawn McDonald, Administrative Assistant

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. Due to technical difficulties, quorum was lost at 3:46 pm. The meeting reconvened at 3:50 pm.

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Vicki Lowe

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Sherryl Smith

Seconded by Victoria James-Lafleur

THAT the minutes dated May 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations or presentations.

F. CONSENT REPORTS

F.1. Dog Park Working Group Minutes - June 1, 2021

Committee members acknowledged and thanked the Dog Park Working Group for their hard work. The off-leash dog park survey will be available both on-line and in hard copy starting July 5th. The survey will run until August 2nd. Members were encouraged to share the information through social media.

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Sherryl Smith

THAT the minutes of the Dog Park Working Group dated June 1, 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

G.1 Don Maynard Park

The Committee discussed the design submitted by Mr. Maynard.

Recreation Manager, Calvin Murphy agreed to obtain information on the following items for discussion at the August 31st. meeting.

1. A detailed plan outlining responsibility for watering and maintenance.
2. A cost estimate. Although Mr. Maynard indicated that the cost will be covered through donations and fund raising, a cost estimate is being requested as part of the approval process.
3. Written consent/feedback from neighbouring homes.

4. Specific details of what existing features/plants are being removed from the park.

H. ROUND TABLE

1. Pakenham Falls and Rapids - concerns expressed about people wading in the water by the bridge. Signage is being ignored. Suggestions included looking into whether we could levy a \$500 fine if people disobey signage and/or doing a communication piece where the municipality would share a story from someone involved in a previous tragic event at the falls.
2. Mill Run Park - work is progressing well.
3. Phase 2 Provincial Re-opening - Outdoor team sports with limited numbers will be permitted to re-open. The Almonte Soccer Club will start a shortened season on July 19th. Baseball diamonds in Pakenham and Almonte will be opening next week.
4. Community Services Master Plan - RFP to hire a professional consulting firm closes July 29th. Project Timeline: September 2021 to March 2022.
5. Caterpillars/Gypsy Moths - some areas hit extremely hard. Employees have been knocking caterpillars off the trees on the Veteran's Memorial Walk with brooms. Planning to scrap casings off the trees in August to reduce the spread in the Spring. We will be looking for volunteers to help as the municipality doesn't have the resources.
6. Event Update - all outside events have been cancelled so far this year (Canada Day, Almonte Fair, Highland Games, Celtfest (virtual), etc.) Phase 2 is capped at 25 outside.

I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

None

K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Meeting in July - Summer Recess

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 3:45 pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Vicki Lowe

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:29 pm.

CARRIED

Dawn McDonald, Recording
Secretary