



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

August 31, 2021
3:45 p.m.
E-participation

Committee Present: Councillor Dalgity
Councillor Guerard
Lyn Button
Sherryl Smith
Terry Ainsworth
Vicki Lowe
Victoria James-Lafleur

Committee Absent: Christine Andersen
Scott Newton

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Recreation Manager, Calvin Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:47 pm and announced that Chair, Scott Newton would not be attending today's meeting.

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Sherryl Smith

THAT Vicki Lowe assume the role of Chair for the August 31, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lyn Button

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Sherryl Smith

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation advisory Committee dated June 29, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

E.1 Topic: Dogs

Victoria James-Lafleur joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

The committee thanked Iris Winston (Boston) for her presentation. A brief discussion took place regarding the merits and liability concerns of allowing dogs off leash in Gemmill Park during certain time periods.

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Terry Ainsworth

THAT the delegation by Iris Winston (Boston) be received for information.

CARRIED

ACTION: Calvin Murphy to bring forward a copy of today's delegation to the September 28, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

F. REPORTS

F.1 Dog Park Working Group - June 28th and August 17th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Victoria James-Lafleur

THAT the minutes from the June 28th and the August 17th Dog Park Working Group meetings be received.

CARRIED

F.2 Dog Park Survey Results

The committee agreed, it was evident that residents of Mississippi Mills **want** a dog park.

Councillor Dalgity mentioned the discrepancy between the number of dog tags issued by the municipality and the number of dogs in Mississippi Mills.

Due to technical difficulties, the Zoom meeting recessed at 4:15 pm and a new Zoom meeting commenced at 4:20 pm.

Councillor Guerard joined the meeting at 4:20 pm. Sherryl Smith did not return to the meeting after the recess at 4:15 pm.

G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

G.1 Don Maynard Park

The committee discussed the final proposal submitted by Steve Maynard. Councillor Dalgity suggested that the municipality invest in water barrels which the Don Maynard Park volunteers could use for watering.

Moved by Lyn Button

Seconded by Councillor Guerard

THAT the Parks and Recreation Committee approve the planting of trees and installation of a cedar rail fence this Fall, pending the funds being raised by Steve Maynard to cover all material and labour costs.

CARRIED

ACTION: Calvin Murphy to discuss watering options with Steve Maynard.

H. ROUND TABLE

- **Pakenham Bridge Park** - individuals are still putting their lives at risk by swimming at the Five Arches Bridge in Pakenham. Concerns have been shared on social media and the municipality has posted signage, warning people to stay out of the water. Councillor Dalgity advised that the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority is ultimately responsible for the waterways in and around the municipality.

- **Appleton Boat Launch** - parking is becoming a concern at the boat launch. The municipality is currently conducting a parking survey which includes this location. The survey closes on September 3, 2021.
- **Gypsy Moths** - the trees around town are looking good and it appears that there is no significant damage resulting from the gypsy moths.
- **Mill Run Park** - construction of the park is moving along well.
- **Arenas** - the ice will be going in at the Pakenham arena in mid September and at the Almonte arena beginning in October. Covid challenges are on-going and screening protocols are still taking place at both facilities.

I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

None

K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 3:45 pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Victoria James-Lafleur

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:53 pm.

CARRIED

Dawn McDonald, Recording
Secretary