



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

November 4, 2021
3:45 p.m.
E-participation

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

Committee Absent: Councillor Guerard

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:46 pm

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Christine Andersen

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Vicki Lowe

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee dated September 28, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

F. REPORTS

F.1 Committee Restructuring

Committee members, Victoria James-Lafleur and Lyn Button, joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Calvin Murphy, Manager - Parks and Recreation, highlighted some of the committee's key achievements, which he noted could not be accomplished without the efforts and hard work of the members. Councillor John Dalgity commended the members on their achievements and successes. Calvin and John both expressed their thanks for the contributions made to the community.

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Sherryl Smith

THAT the Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

G.1 Update: Mississippi Mills Dog Park

The Dog Park Working Group has identified Lansdowne Park on Martin Street North and McGregor Park on Old Perth Road as suitable locations for the municipal dog park. Both options will be brought forward to Council for their consideration.

At the next working group meeting, costs and funding scenarios will be discussed. The dog park has been included as a line item in the 2022 budget, but volunteers will be needed to guarantee the success of the project.

H. ROUND TABLE

Mill Run Park - The final site visit has been completed. Municipal staff and residents are pleased with the project. Grass is in and fencing has been put up to eliminate foot traffic and allow the grass to take hold. The play structure is open and two concrete pads are in place pending installation of shade structures, which are being built by the high school students.

Gemmil Park - The high school students are building one more shade structure, to be installed near the splash pad, before they commence work on the two for Mill Run Park. The gates to the park are currently closed due to excess water on the grounds and will be re-opened once the grass dries out.

Art Project - Jennifer Noxon, a local artist, is working on a mosaic style art piece, made out of pinecones, which she is installing at Metcalfe Park. It will stay in place until Spring and will be lifted before the first grass cutting.

Recreational Activities - Now that the curling club has re-opened, there will be no indoor walking group. Suggested alternatives include the Rexall Mall or in Beckwith. Volleyball and badminton will not be starting up again this season as schools have not reopened their facilities for municipal use. Pickle Ball will resume once the schools reopen for extra-curricular activities.

Santa Claus Parades - The Pakenham parade will be on Saturday, December 4th at 1 pm. The Almonte parade will be on Saturday, December 5th at 5 pm. Light up the Night is cancelled this year. Next year we are hoping to resume all municipal celebrations.

Community Services Master Plan - Only one submission was received in response to the RFP that was sent out. The scope has been revised and a new RFP will be issued for a Strategic Plan. Public consultation will be sought in 2022.

I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

The Chair suggested that committee members bring any suggestions or ideas they have for projects/community improvements to the final Parks & Recreation Committee meeting on November 30th for discussion during Round Table.

Future requests, after the Committee has disbanded, should be sent to Calvin Murphy, Manager - Parks and Recreation.

K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 3:45 pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sherryl Smith

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:22 pm

CARRIED

Dawn McDonald, Recording
Secretary