



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

MINUTES

November 30, 2021

3:45 p.m.

E-participation

Committee Present: Councillor Dalgity
Councillor Guerard
Sherryl Smith
Scott Newton
Terry Ainsworth
Victoria James-Lafleur
Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager

Committee Absent: Christine Andersen
Lyn Button
Vicki Lowe

Staff Present: Bonnie Ostrom

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3.47pm

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Terry Ainsworth

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Sherryl Smith

Seconded by Victoria James-Lafleur

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee dated November 4,2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

F. REPORTS

G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

- Dog Park update: The Dog Park working group will continue to work on costing breakdowns and confirm a volunteer group willing to aid in the project moving forward. Once costs have been established then a staff report will be presented at Council. Fundraising efforts will also need to be done moving forward.

H. ROUND TABLE

Recreational programming funnels through the Calvin Murphy- Recreation Manager. Should someone wish to run a program or start a municipal program, they would first speak with Calvin.

The Strategic Plan will include public feedback on what the community wants to see with regards to recreational facilities, programing etc. It will help define what the Recreation department focuses on; facilities, programs, parks etc.

Committee members voiced their ideas/suggestions regarding recreational programs.

- Senior programming in Pakenham; reinstate the senior aerobics at the very least
- Possibly negotiate with the school board to have the Pakenham school gym made available for adult volleyball/badminton.
- Programming under review with the strategic plan; possible gymnastics for kids, walking programs for seniors, a swimming pool
- Put emphasis on the Adopt a Park program to encourage residents to participate.
- Think large for the future, new facility with indoor soccer fields, swimming pool etc. These are things that do not happen overnight and should be planned/budgeted for over the years with a vision in place.

The Upper Canada District School Board has recently opened up their gym space to outside user groups. The Adult Volleyball and Adult Badminton

programs will begin again in the new year with Covid protocols in place.
Volunteers lead the programs.

I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Reminder that there is no Light up the Night on Friday Dec 3rd.

Pakenham Santa Parade will take place on Saturday Dec 4th at 1pm.

Almonte Santa Parade will take place on Sunday Dec 5th at 5pm.

A special thank you from the Recreation Manager- Calvin Murphy to all committee members for your contributions to the Parks & Recreation Committee and working groups.

A special notice that you will be receiving an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation evening at the Almonte Old Town Hall on Sunday December 19. More details will be sent next week.

Chairperson Scott Newton thanked staff for keeping the committee on track. He thanked Council for their support and dedication and thanked all committee members for their contribution and for volunteering their time.

J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Sherryl Smith

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:15pm

CARRIED

Bonnie Ostrom,

Recording Secretary