



APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 3, 2007
7:00 p.m. @ New Minas Civic Centre

The Regular monthly meeting of the Village of New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee (R.A.C.) was held in the Conference Room of the Civic Centre on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance: Chair Dale Pineo
Vice-Chair Citizen Member Maynard Stevens
Commission Chair Dave Chaulk
Commissioner Linda Lockhart
Rec Director Vincent Forrestall
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Regrets: Citizen Member Les Sequeria

Call meeting to order

Chair Pineo called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens, that the Agenda for the RAC meeting of April 3, 2007 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2007

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens, that the minutes of the RAC meeting held March 6, 2007 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Business arising from the minutes

a. March Break Day Camp

V. Forrestall reported that the March Break Camp was very successful with approximately 40 participants each of the five days. He also advised that the parent evaluations on the program proved to be very positive.

b. Facility Development Grant/Special Projects Program –Lockhart & Ryan

V. Forrestall noted that County Councillor Eric Smith's letter of support for the Facility Development Grant/Special Projects Program was in the packages. Vince has been advised that approximately \$21,000 will be forthcoming from the Municipality of Kings for this Grant, and another \$22,000 from the Province of Nova Scotia.

c. Provincial Volunteer Week April 15-21: New Minas Banquet-guest speaker

V. Forrestall stated that Chair Pineo, he, and New Minas Volunteer of the Year award winner Holly Thompson and her husband would be going to Halifax for the Provincial awards dinner. He stated that the guest speaker he had hoped would be present at the New Minas Volunteer Banquet on April 16th was not able to come.

d. Kings County Basketball Academy (K.C.B.A)

Vince advised that he has applied for an additional \$2,000 for funding for the KCBA, making the total grant application \$5,000. This is made possible because the province has combined two programs. He stated he has 129 registered, and is hopeful the maximum number of 144 will be reached. He is organizing facilities for this Academy.

e. Events Valley: Mandate: Goal/Areas

The Committee viewed session notes in their packages on the January 31, 2007 meeting held at the Old Orchard Inn. Vince will keep the Committee updated.

f. Website: Recreation Calendars (www.newminas.com)

Bulldog Computers provided the Coordinator with estimates to build and maintain department and events calendars on the Village's website. These figures will be considered at budget time.

g. Winter/Spring 2007 Programs and Events Update

Vince listed the winter and spring 2007 programs and events, which included:

<u>Program</u>	<u># Participants</u>
NSOLD Wilderness First Aid	3
Life Quality Improvement Program for Older Adults	6 – 18
Adult Basketball	12
Adult Volleyball	15
March Break Camp	40
March Break Grades 6-8 Co-Ed Volleyball Tourney	7 teams
Easter Egg Hunt	25
Learn the Magic	11
Bob Ross Method Painting Workshop	4
Annual "Get Winter Active" Carnival	
Parent and Tots Playgroup	10
Grades 6 & 7 boys Volleyball	14

<u>Program</u>	<u># Participants</u>
Grades 6 & 7 girls Volleyball	13-14
New Minas Volleyball Academy	37
After the Bell after-school program	51
Little Dribblers (Grades 2/3) Basketball	21
Sports of all Sorts (TBA)	

Vince stated that we will continue to co-operate and help promote programs as much as we can.

h. New Minas Summer Active Challenge

Vince updated the Committee on the New Minas Summer Active Challenge, which will be held from July 1st through to August 12th. He stated that the theme will be Fit Families and Individuals and the challenge will kick off the Canada Day celebrations. He will attempt to get some donations/funding for prizes, etc..

Director's Monthly Report

Vince presented his Director's report for the month (attached to original minutes). He highlighted the following items:

- The Rec Director's office move to L/R Park
- Kings County Basketball Academy
- New Minas Volleyball Academy 1st session
- Kings County Senior Games meeting
- Partnership with Kings County for Tattoo trip update
- Winter Programs and events
- Winter/Spring Program/Event Leaders
- Valley/South Shore Meeting attended
- After the Bell Program highlights
- Provincial Volunteer Week /New Minas Banquet
- Bunny Hop – Easter Egg Hung April 10
- Minor Ball Association Meeting
- Summer Registration Data Base
- Youth Skills Program – 100% position funded
- Celebrations Days – meeting with Denny Myles
- Golfview Homeowners Association meeting
- Canada Summer Jobs Grant Application submitted – 10 positions

New Business:

a. Golfview Homeowners Association – Park Improvements Request

Vince stated he had attended a recent meeting of the Golfview Homeowners' Association. He stated the members show an interest in working with the Village to make improvements and bring more youth to the park located in their subdivision (Dan Watters Memorial Park). After discussion, V. Forrestall agreed to bring some suggestions with estimates to the Committee at the May meeting.

Vince stated that at the meeting, there were some positive things said about the Village's public works staff, in particular Foreman Greg Messom. He mentioned also that there were some words of thanks to Greg Messom from the New Minas Elementary School for his support.

b. New Minas Tourist/Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

Vince stated that there has been some discussion lately with regard to having a Visitor Information Centre located in New Minas. M. Stevens stated that perhaps the County Fair Mall managers could be approached for placement of a kiosk. L. Lockhart stated that in the past there was a "Welcome Centre" located in the former ETTA building; however, she stated it was never used. D. Chaulk stated that he was not sure if a VIC should be used to promote events, and he questioned the need for one in New Minas.

It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Lockhart, that the Rec Director and M. Stevens contact the managers of the County Fair Mall to discuss the feasibility of placing a Visitor Information Centre booth in the mall. MOTION CARRIED

c. Community Recreation Funding Program

Discussion took place with regard to the need for the Village to provide a Community Recreation Funding Program – that is, waiving fees for participants where need was shown. Staff will research what types of programs are available in other areas and the item was tabled to the May meeting.

d. Recreation Department Logo

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens, to recommend to the Village Commission to hold a contest for a new Recreation Department Logo, with nothing binding the Village to accept any entry, and providing a \$25 prize if a winner is declared. MOTION CARRIED

e. Summer Programs

Vince briefed the Committee on the upcoming summer programs. He stated that members of the Baptist has approached him and offered space in the Church for summer camps. He stated that he was also advised that the Gazebo owned by the Baptist Church is no longer needed by them and they have offered it to the Village. A letter will go to the Baptist Church members thanking them for their kind offers.

f. Staffing (Summer)

Vince advised he has received applications/resumes for the Summer programs, and an ad is in today's Advertiser. He anticipates an increase in registrants.

g. NMES/Village Community Use Joint Use Agreement

The Committee members had an opportunity to view a draft Joint Use Agreement between the Village of New Minas and the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board, for use of the New Minas Elementary School. Vince stated this is a pilot project.

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to enter into a joint agreement with the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board for use of the New Minas Elementary School. MOTION CARRIED

h. NMES Standards for Nets – Archie’s Welding (Doug Haas)

Vince advised that Mr. Doug Haas, Archie’s Welding, has donated standards for nets, which have an estimated cost of \$1,800.

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to write a letter to Mr. Doug Haas of Archie’s Welding, thanking him for the kind donation of the Standards for Nets. MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

On motion of M. Stevens, the meeting adjourned.

D. Pineo, Chair

T. Silver, Clerk Treasurer

