

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 8, 2007

The Regular meeting of the Village of New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee was held on May 8, 2007 in the Recreation Parks office at Lockhart Ryan Park.

In Attendance: Chair Dale Pineo
Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens
Commission Chair Dave Chaulk
Citizen Member Les Sequeria
Councillor Eric Smith
Recreation Director Vincent Forrestall
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pineo called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – May 8, 2007

It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Sequeria, that the Agenda for the regular meeting of May 8, 2007, be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 3, 2007

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by M. Stevens, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the RAC held April 3, 2007 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Lockhart Ryan Park Project 2007 – Grant Announcements - V. Forrestall advised that the Village's applications for Capital Improvements to Lockhart Ryan Park for 2007 have been approved by both the County of Kings and the Province of Nova Scotia.
- b. Provincial Volunteer Week Reception, April 16 – Vince advised that the reception sponsored by the Village of New Minas in honour of the Volunteers, and to commemorate Provincial Volunteer Week, was held on April 16th, and attended by some 40 people. It was enjoyed by all. A List of volunteers is included in the packages and attached to original minutes. Chair Pineo stated that Vince and other staff had done a great job on this reception, and commented on the good attendance.

- c. Kings County Basketball Academy (K.C.B.A.) – V. Forrestall stated that he was successful in receiving a grant from the Province of Nova Scotia for \$5,000 for the Academy, but the application for a Sport Fund grant to Sport PEI was not received. He will continue to investigate other sources. This program will run again in the fall.
- d. A.V.E.S.T.A – Events Valley – Vince advised that a Reception of AVESTA is being held at Acadia on May 10 to promote the association (information attached to original minutes).
- e. Winter/Spring 2007 Programs and Events Update – Vince presented a schedule of events for the winter/spring programs and events.
- f. Golfview Homeowners Association – Park Improvements Request – Vince reported on a meeting he had with the Golfview Homeowners Association at which a prioritized wish list of park improvements was discussed. The Committee expressed appreciation that the Association is taking an interest in assisting with park improvements. The Director will relay this message to the Association, and advise them that the Village is interested in working with them in the future for this purpose.
- g. Tourist Information Centre – M. Stevens and V. Forrestall met with the County Fair Mall manager to discuss placing a Tourist Information Centre in Centre Court at the mall on a trial basis. The Mall manager is fine with this, and will provide the space at no cost, provided only local events are covered with no business advertising that would conflict with mall businesses.

The Committee members felt this requires more discussion.

- h. Community Recreation Funding Program – Discussion took place with regard to “Any Child Can Participate” program.

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by M. Stevens, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to establish a program whereby fees for needy youth can be waived for Village programs, provided there is a reference from a community leader. MOTION CARRIED

- i. Lockhart Ryan Park Road Sign (Drawing/Art) - V. Forrestall presented a drawing of a proposed Events sign for Lockhart Ryan location. He stated that the members of the Lions Club of New Minas have been discussing the possibility of funding 50% for the sign.

DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

V. Forrestall presented his Director's Monthly Report (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by M. Stevens, that the Director's Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Al Bernard – “Learn the Secrets of Magic” Event - An email from Mr. Al Bernard was viewed by the Committee thanking Vince for the support and jobs well done for recent Village events.
- b. Holly Thompson – An email from Holly Thompson thanking Vince and the Village for all the work involved in the Volunteer Appreciation week.
- c. Sharon Boyd, Bob Ross Method Painting Workshop – The Committee members viewed an email from Ms. Sharon Boyd, instructor Bob Ross Method Painting Workshop, offering to do another workshop if there is interest.
- d. Lynn Morse – Giant Soccer Ball – A letter was read from Ms. Lynn Morse (letter attached to original minutes), in which she suggested the Village may wish to investigate the possibility of painting the Village's Water Tower, which is very visible from Highway 101, to depict a giant soccer ball. This, she feels, would raise the profile of New Minas in a very positive way, and she would be interested in sitting on a Committee to make it happen.

It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by D. Chaulk, that the Director of Recreation look into the feasibility of painting the water tower to depict a giant soccer ball.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Millett Estate – T. Silver stated that at a public meeting held in New Minas in March 2007 by the Kings County Planning Advisory Committee, a letter was read in to the minutes from the Trustee of the Estate of Louis Millett, in which mention was made of the possibility of the Village coming heir to a portion of land within this developable land. She felt that this should be followed up.

It was the consensus of this Committee that this would be a Village Commission issue and the Clerk will place it on the Village Commission agenda for the May meeting.

b. June is Recreation Month – Live it Every Day! Proclamation

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by M. Stevens, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to proclaim “June is Recreation Month – Live It Every Day”, and to promote recreation and the benefits of recreation.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Summer Programs/Events – V. Forrestall presented the list of summer programs and events (attached to original minutes) for the Committee’s information.
- d. Summer Staff /Staff Training at Greenwood – V. Forrestall advised that May 29th is slotted for County-wide summer staff training in Greenwood. He stated that Mr. Tyler Hayden is the facilitator for this session and is a very good presenter.
- e. Beach Volleyball League (Program) – Discussion took place on the proposed Beach Volleyball program (not a league), which would be organized and directed by Kelsey Myles. Will be dependent on registration.
- f. Sentimental Journey Dance(s) – Chair Pineo stated that he had an idea to have dances (several throughout the year) with a “Sentimental Journey” theme. Lorne Fevens, a popular DJ, has done these in other places and from all accounts, they have been very popular. This item will be included in the 2007/2008 Budget.
- g. Committee Member – T. Silver advised the Committee that, with member Maynard Stevens being the successful candidate in the recent Village Commission election, there is a spot open on this Committee for a citizen member. Staff will advertise for this position.
- h. “McHappy” Days – D. Pineo stated that he has been approached to take part in “McHappy” Days at the local McDonalds, as a fund-raiser. He stated he and Princess New Minas are taking part for sure.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of L. Sequeria, the meeting adjourned.

D. Pineo, Chair

T. Silver, Clerk Treasurer