

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (R.A.C)
Regular Monthly Meeting Approved Minutes
June 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
New Minas Civic Centre – Upper Level

Attendance: Dale Pineo, RAC Chair; Dave Chaulk, Village Chair; Maynard Stevens, Commission; Jennifer Pineo, Resident Member and Vince Forrestall, Director of Recreation

1.0 **Call to Order**

The meeting was Called To Order by Chair Dale P. at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 **Nominations & Election of Committee Chair**

Moved by Dave C. the Nomination of Committee Chair Dale P.

There were no further nominations.

Motion Carried

3.0 **Nominations & Election of Committee Chair**

Moved by Maynard S. the Nomination of Committee Vice-Chair Leslie S.

There were no further nominations.

Motion Carried

4.0 **Approval of Agenda – June 2**

Moved by Maynard S. and Seconded by Jennifer P. the Approval of the June 2 Agenda

Motion Carried

5.0 **Approval of Minutes – May 5**

Moved by Dave C. and Seconded by Maynard S. the Approval of May 5 Minutes

Motion Carried

6.0 **John Owen, New Minas Active Transportation Champion**

Director introduced new Active Transportation Champion for the community who is a leader and role model to all residents by leading an active life, especially through cycling, etc. John is very passionate, dedicated and committed to the position and has been busy behind the scenes familiarizing him with the position by attending meetings, workshops, conferences, recent survey results, etc.

John talked about the Active Transportation movement in the Valley region and working with the other community representatives in the area.

John discussed how busy Commercial Street was in New Minas and that other areas of the community should be looked at for residents to walk, bike, etc.

In New Minas, John will review what's going on in the area now and what is missing when it comes to active transportation.

The goal of his position is to get people out by offering them a positive and pleasant experience living actively through biking, walking, running, etc.

An example is soccer moms and dads being active while their children are playing soccer.

John talked about the possible development of the railway bed from Kentville to New Minas with various access points to the trail, especially Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park. The Active Transportation movement can also have economic advantages to the area.

John has an Active Transportation Resource Manual and will be leading an orientation of the area and subdivisions. Developing routes and the kilometers to the routes and starting to walk around more.

Discussion took place on the County Fair Mall Walking Club and the June is Recreation Month Kings Transit promotion – free pass with bike.

Village Chair Dave Chaulk “thanked John for taking the position and initiative on – much appreciated”.

7.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

7.1 **Strategic Plan – Draft 2:** Members reviewed the plan brought to previous meetings and recommended top 5 picks in each area, items that can be done as a Committee for the next 5 years.

Dale P recommended:

1. Programs & creativity
2. Skate Park

3. Cross-intergeneralizational Programs/events with children/youth and seniors.
4. Facilities
5. More for the 19-55 age group

Jennifer Pineo recommended:

1. Continue to develop new programs & special events
2. Accessible programming
3. Promote through partnerships
4. Continue to work with local schools
5. Improve facilities/playgrounds

Dave C. recommended:

Facilities are a top priority. What else does the community need have to be identified?

It is possible that the Village may have a substantial amount of land and/or money become available through the Millette Estate and we need to be prepared by looking at what we need and would like to go to the Commission with a recommendation.

Director recommended:

1. Leadership
2. Programs & events
3. Resources
4. Partnerships
5. Top staffing

Maynard Recommended:

1. Improving parks that we have

Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Village needs to make facilities available and for the facilities to provide active lifestyles for residents.

It was recommended that the Director meet with the many contacts he has made in the community in to what the community needs and to bring forth recommendations at the September RAC meeting.

Director suggested a motion to the Commission for this initiative, but it was felt that the motion to the Commission would be the recommendation of the RAC upon review of the recommendations gathered.

Director will also update the Strategic Plan for 3rd and final reading before being recommended to the Commission at a later date.

8.0 **DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (May 2009)**

Director presented his monthly report for May.

**Moved by Dave C. and Seconded by Jennifer P. the Approval of
Director's May Monthly Report as presented.**

Motion Carried

9.0 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence at this time.

10.0 **New Business**

There was no new business at this time.

11.0 **Adjournment**

With no further business, it was Moved by Maynard S. to Adjourn
the Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

Dale Pineo
Chair
Recreation Advisory Committee

Vince Forrestall
Director of Recreation
Village of New Minas