



Approved Minutes
Village of New Minas
Recreation Advisory Committee (R.A.C)
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
New Minas Civic Centre – * Upper Level

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee was held at the New Minas Civic Centre on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

- Dave Chaulk, Chair of the Village Commission
 - Maynard Stevens, Commissioner
- Leslie Sequeira, Resident member (Vice-Chair of Committee)
 - Christopher Shields, Resident Member
 - Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer
 - Vince Forrestall, Director of Recreation
 - Gordon Silver, Resident

Regrets

- Dale Pineo, Chair of the Committee & Commissioner

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair of the Committee Les S. Called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 pm.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA, July 8, 2008

Moved by Maynard S. and Seconded by Dave C. the Approval of the July 8 Agenda

Motion Carried

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES, June 3, 2008

Moved by Maynard S. and Seconded by Dave C. the Approval of the June 3 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes.

Motion Carried

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There was no business arising from the June 3 Minutes.

5.0 DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Vince Forrestall (June 2008)

- **Promotion** –Road signage, pictures & Website Updates, public service announcements, radio event ads, paper ads, 40th Anniversary flyers, school flyers, Canada Day flyers, senior flyers: Sentimental Journey Seniors Picnic, etc. Program flyers: Summer Day Camp & Visual arts flyers, summer programs/events ads, etc. Check out Recreation on the New Minas Website (www.newminas.com).

- **Summer Registrations** – All pertinent information for all registrants entered into excel program data base. Department continuously receives registrations for Summer seasons. A Fall Data base will be set-up shortly.
- **Summer Programs & Events 2008** – Department implemented Summer Programs (Pre-school, junior, senior and sports day camps) after being planned, developed, organized and promoted. Facilities have been or being confirmed for camps. Summer Senior Staff hired -Director carried out interviews. Senior Staff Training in Greenwood held June 12th. Julia Schofield started on June 2, while Directors started June 9. Leaders June 20. New Village Visual Art Camp very successful – 51 registered to date.
- **“Celebrating 40 Years”** –Vince is Vice-Chair. Also, member of **Apple Blossom 40th Anniversary Birthday Float Sub-Committee** (Float design, materials, volunteers, etc.), attend Committee meetings. Critical Path and Budget initiatives set for the year. Invitations for Royal Party Dinner (80), Official Opening of ABF (100+), Sentimental Journey & Terry Fox Marathon of Memories events sent out. Close to \$7,200 received in sponsorships so far for the 40th! County sponsored \$1000. Lapel Pins and Banners to be ordered shortly. Maynard & I met with the Mall Reps on a number of potential partnerships.
- **Fran Vos-NCSS Kingstec Student** – Fran Vos from Kingstec performed her professional placement with the Department as an Administrative Assistant from April 28 to May 28, 2008). She received a very good evaluation and volunteered off and on the past month.
- **Tattoo Trip, July 3 2008** –Held July 3rd. Very successful. A lot of nice comments received. Department partnered with the County to offer the annual trip to the Tattoo.
- **Kings County Flag Football Academy** – I’ve worked/partnered with Steve Melanson, NS Football Coach of the Year to bring a Kings County Flag Football Academy to the area which June 25. Development and growth of football in the area are the goals. Department has planned, developed, organized, promoting and implemented the program. 57 Participants registered. A Football Jamboree was held June 7th @ Acadia U. Turf Field.
- **New Minas Tennis Academy** – I’ve worked/partnered with Joel Ayer, Tennis Nova Scotia IKON sport award "COACH OF THE YEAR" to bring a Tennis Academy to the area. Started June 30. Development and growth of Tennis in the area are the goals. Department has planned, developed, organized, promoted and now implementing the program for ages 5-8/9-12/13- The Academy runs from June 30 to July 11 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Monday to Friday. 22 participants in New Academy.
- **Terry Fox “Marathon of Memories” Family Fun Day** – held June 7 at Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park. Maynard S, Vince F and the Village’s 40th Anniversary Committee partnered with ScotiaMcLeod (Kentville) to have a Terry Fox “Marathon of Memories” Family Fun Day from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm with little cost to the Village. Planning, developing, organizing, promoting and implemented. The Fox family, Fred Fox, and the original van were part of the free will offering event. Activities included a trail walk with the Fox Family, dunk tank, soap slide, free bbq, entertainment, Al Bernard Magic Show, Denny Myles emcee and entertainment, special dignitaries, etc. Over 300 participated.
- **Celebration of Lights 2008 (November 22-December 31, 2008)** - Department has started planning and organizing for the Christmas event with meeting with Stephen Bishop (Raymond James) and Di best (Santa Parade). Planning a night parade, Family Holiday Fun Day, fireworks, more displays, decorations, etc.
- **Sunrise – Learn to Run Program** – Department has partnered with Abs-o-Lute Fitness Centre to offer a new program in the area for beginner runners.
- **Canada Day Celebrations** – A very good turnout with roughly over 750 participants enjoying entertainment, bbq, dunk tank, water slide, washer toss, bounce inflatable, trail hike, rickshaw rides, origami, cake, ice cream, clown, hayrides, etc.

Yours in Recreation, Respectfully Submitted, Vince Forrestall, Director of Recreation

Dave C. inquired how the spring programs (as reported) made out financially as the Department had serious budgetary issues last year. Director reported that the spring programs did well financially overall breaking even as the goal of the Village Commission.

Dave C. inquired, due to the serious budgetary issues last year, on when is the best time to start summer staff – cost effective. Want to cut back time spent, more economic. It was recommended for the Director to get feedback from staff on the starting times of summer staff in the past years, last year and this year – keep progress. Director to get this information from summer senior staff Director’s. Director pointed out that the Directors started in May last season and June 2 for Julia S and June 9 for Directors this season.

**Moved by Dave C and Seconded by Chris S. the Approval of June '08
Director's Report.**

Motion Carried

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

A.) Steve Melanson – Head Instructor, Kings Co. Flag Football Academy (KCFFA) – I would like to thank-you and your Dept., again, for allowing me to put on a Flag Football Academy. The kids who where involved with this Academy learned a lot and at the same time had a great deal of fun.

The cost of \$40:00 was very affordable to all and as a father of 4 boys all in sports, I can tell you that it was greatly appreciated that we were able to keep the costs down. I was very impressed with all the advertising you did for this camp. I look forward to working with you in the future.

B.) Lloyd Smith-Town Crier, Canada Day Celebrations 2008 - Thanks for considering me to participate. It was a great day. You were probably quite happy.

C.) Monique Ouellette-Director, Village Visual Art Camp - Much appreciated! Thanks for your support Vince! I'm so excited for tomorrow. Yours truly (with great thanks).

D.) Bob Suffron-CHAP Grant Application – This is to inform you that the New Minas Civic Centre project that you applied for (Lynn's Office Space and Kitchen) did not fit within the prioritization and, as a result, will not be funded. Should, however, the Council maintain the Community Hall Assistance Program next year, Please feel free to apply again.

E.) Heather MacLeod–Instructor, Ladies Step Aerobics - Thanks so much for the interest you have shown and the call to me at work and the e-mail message as well. All is going well. Again, Vince...our many thanks for your assistance and professionalism in these matters. I can't thank you (and the NM Rec. Dept.) enough for giving us ol gals an opportunity to keep up with our fitness classes!!! Many thanks!

F.) Janet Ross – Parent, Kings Co. Flag Football Academy - My son attended this jamboree on Saturday – IT WAS AWESOME! Thanks to everyone who helped coach, organized and coordinated this event. What an experience for my 9 year old to play on Raymond Field with all the "big kids". Again Vince, thanks for putting that jamboree together.

G.) Tammie McNutt – Parent, Born to Swing Development Golf Academy - It was great to meet you today at the Terry Fox Family Fun Day. I would like to reiterate my thanks to you and your "crew" for putting together the golf program, "Born to Swing". My 8 year old , Luke, really enjoyed it. Although our local golf club now accepts junior members at age 8, I feel that there is a level of maturity that should be attained before kids should be able to golf on their own with friends. Born to Swing provides a great interim program, teaching all the necessary skills for a great start and to build on. By the time

these young people develop the attention span required to golf nine holes, they will be well prepared to follow the rules of the game and the club. We appreciate all the organization that goes into a program like this. Thanks for all the hard work. Sincerely, Tammie McNutt.

H.) **Denise Wade-ScotiaMcLeod, Terry Fox Tour of Hope Family Fun Day -**

Thank you for all your hard work and total support for the Fox Foundation, truly appreciated from our end and I hope your upcoming plans for future events are going well. Thanks and have a wonderful day.

I.) **Mike Baltzer-Parent, Kings Co Basketball Academy (KCBA) -** Just wanted to let Bev Greenlaw know that Thomas Baltzer has made the U17 Provincial Basketball Team and that is the reason he is not at the Sunday sessions. The U17 practice in Halifax every Saturday and Sunday. The Kings County Basketball Academy session that Thomas did attend with Bev was superb as usual. Anyway - another time!

J.) **William Butler, Director, Community Development Services, County of Kings** – Informing the Department that they’ll receive \$1,000 for the 40th Anniversary of the Village to go towards Celebrations.

K.) **Barry Barnett – Minister, NS Health Promotion & Protection** – Informing the Department that the Village will receive \$26,000 for the Golfview Homeowners Assoc. Multi-purpose Facility.

L.) **Jean-Bernard LaFontaine, Regional Executive Director-Canadian Heritage** – Informing the Department that the Village will receive \$1,500 to go towards Canada Day Celebrations 2008 - “Celebrating 40 Years”

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Julia Dixon, Youth Centre - Director received a request from Julia Dixon on a possible Youth Centre idea for the area. Her idea includes: I wanted to open up a Youth Drop in Centre. The Centre would be non-profit and the kids will have to sign up to become a member they’ll receive a member number, this will allow us to document who is coming and going.

Also we will have all their contact information incase of emergency. I was thinking days of the week could be from Tuesdays through until Saturdays. Hours would be from 4:30 to 9 or 9:30 through the week and on Saturdays from 1 to 9.

The ages for The Centre would be from 12 to 18 and would be boys and girls. As far as the set-up for The Centre I would like it to consist of 6-8 computers with internet access, a game system ex: X-BOX, Sony Playstation, etc. an air hockey table, A stereo-system, and a table with some lounging chairs, some board games, cards, etc.

I would like it to be a place where the youth can come and relax and feel comfortable just hanging out. I want it to be a fun place for the youth so they will want to spend time there instead of roaming the streets and getting into trouble.

Although The Centre should be a fun place for them to go I would also like to have 1 or 2 nights specifically set up as homework night where the youth can come and get

extra help with there homework, projects and so on. Along with that I would like to have special events once a month.

In order to run this Centre we will need a space I would actually rather that the space be somewhat smaller because it promotes more social interactions and in a spot that enables both youth from New Minas and Kentville to have access. Also we would need worker's in order to run the centre efficiently we would need two staff aside from myself and the rest could be volunteers. Let me know what you think, I have attached my resume for you to look at.

Dave C. supports the concept. We need to find out what she is looking for from the Village. The Village could assist in finding resources to develop a Needs Assessment and a Business Plan. A Youth Centre is hard to establish. It was suggested to invite her to an RAC Committee Meeting and if deemed feasible, to bring to the Village Commission. Director was asked to follow-up with her: Village not in a position to provide space (Do not have space) and money, but to find the resources. It was suggested we leave the door open until further information is provided.

7.2 Playground Program – Chris S inquired to the status of the Playground Program that ran last summer. His wife Mary Ann took the children last summer and they really enjoyed it. Director pointed out that they have partnered with the New Minas Baptist Church to offer a rotating Program offered by their staff using our facilities. Terry S. pointed out that the program was a free drop-in and we did not receive the funding (Canada Summer Jobs Grant) as in the past summer to provide the staff for the program. Director mentioned 10 positions were approved under the Canada Summer Jobs Grant last summer and only 2 this summer (Based on 2006 program) Chris S. wanted it reflected in the minutes that the program was great for the Community.

7.3 Park Improvements-Lonnie Milne – Chris S. pointed out if there were any park improvements slated for Lonnie Milne Park. It was reported 1 baby swing was melted. Terry S. to tell Greg Messom.

7.4 August RAC Meeting

Moved by Dave C and Seconded by Chris S. that the Regular Monthly August Meeting be Cancelled.

Motion Carried

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was Moved by Maynard S. to adjourn the Meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Vince Forrestall,
Director of Recreation**