



APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (R.A.C.)

Regular Monthly Meeting
March 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Recreation Office, Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee was held at the Recreation Office at Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair Dale Pineo
Commission Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens
Citizen Member Christopher Shields
Clerk Treasurer, Terry Silver
Recreation Director, Vince Forrestall

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dale Pineo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA, March 4, 2008

It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by C. Shields that the Agenda for the March 4, 2008 Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Monthly Meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES, February 5, 2008

It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by D. Chaulk, that the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee held on February 5, 2008 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Community Wellness Recreation Facility Feasibility Study –

Director reported that he talked to Mike T., Valley Regional Representative, with NS Health Promotion & Protection and he has informed the Village that the Wellness Recreation Facility Feasibility Study which was carried out about 5 years ago can be used for planning a new facility, as long as the new facility does not include an item that was not in the study.

If a new item or items are added to a new facility, a public meeting would need to be held to discuss these additions to the original Community Wellness Recreation Facility Feasibility Study, so that it would meet the guidelines to apply and qualify for Provincial Funding.

The Committee requested copies of the Study from the Director.

4.2 **Parks & Recreation Department Logo -**

Director presented the Committee with a new logo for the Department:



The Committee felt it represented everything that the Department does in the community, but felt that it was too busy. Director was asked to go back to the drawing board.

5.0 **DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY (FEBRUARY) REPORT**

- **Promotion** – NEW road signage, pictures & Website Updates, press releases, radio event ads, paper ads, March Break Day Camp, February Family Fun Physical Activity Flyer, 40th Anniversary flyers, school flyers, event flyers, senior flyers: Minas Fifty Club (Presentation), Sentimental Journey, Daniel O'Donnell trip, etc. Program flyers: After the Bell, Golf & Badminton/Volleyball Academy's, Floor Hockey, Sports Night, etc. Check out Recreation on the New Minas Website (www.newminas.com).
- **Village Voice** – Director submitted Information, articles, stories, etc. to the Valley Shopper distribution Saturday, February 9th.
- **Winter/Spring Registrations** – All pertinent information for all registrants entered into excel program data base. Department continuously receives registrations for Winter/Spring and now the summer.
- **Winter/Spring Programs & Events 2008** – Department now completing winter programs and events 2008. Will soon be implementing Spring Programs after being planned, developed, organized and promoted. Secured EMS for KCBA April 14 to May 14.
- **"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. Recruited resident member
- **Village of New Minas Curling Team** – Team participated at the annual Municipal Curling Challenge Saturday, February 16 in Middleton finishing second. Thank you to skip Mel Pinch, Mate Bob Horne and Lead Gordon Silver for joining Vince for this very worthwhile fundraising event.
- **Acadia Student – Performing OJT with the Department** – Acadia Student, Candice Sharp, is scheduled do her OJT placement with the Department March 10 to April 18, 2008. She'll be offered many valuable hands on experiences including "Celebrating 40 Years", Winter Carnival, March Break, Programs, Volunteer Recognition Reception, etc.
- **"Luck of the Irish" with Daniel O'Donnell Trip & Tour, May 30, 2008** – SOLD OUT (45 participants). Planned, developed, organized and promoted.
- **Tattoo Trip 2008** – Department has partnered with the County to offer the annual trip to the Tattoo scheduled for July 3, 2008. 15 registered to date. Planned, developed, organized and promoted.
- **New Minas "Freezing the Reason to Celebrate 40 Years" Winter Carnival (Feb. 21-24) -** Planned, developed, organized, promoted and Implemented. Created Corporate Sponsorship Packages. Logo and banner created. Theme and theme days created. Buttons created and received, etc. Winter Carnival Flyers and Invitations created. Bigger crowds than last year with 1 extra day added. Great response from the community and businesses. Thank you to the Fire fighters Auxiliary (Pancake breakfast), Peter Pothier (Seafood chowder), Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders (Breakfast/Bon-fire, etc.) and Parks/Public Works Staff for preparing and contributing to the success of the event, especially the outdoor rink at Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park.
- **Volunteer Week/New Minas Volunteer Recognition Reception** – Nomination and Invitation Packages/Letters sent out to the various groups & organizations in New Minas. Volunteer Awards Day in Halifax (April 24) and New Minas Volunteer Recognition Reception (April 28).
- **Kings County Physical Activity Strategy** – Director attended and participated in the Physical Activity Strategy Workshop #2 held February 26.

- **Active Kids Healthy Kids** – Department sent out packages to our local community groups and organizations for possible funding. Deadline Feb. 15. Department applied for and received funding totaling \$3,000 total for Sports Pursuits (Grades 2 & 3) and A Sport Start Programs (Grades 9 – 12).
- **February Family Physical Activity Challenge 2008** – Tally sheets and information packages distributed through local schools (NMES & EMS), on the website, mall, etc. Department is looking to Take the Roof Off Winter by having family members participate in 30 minutes of physical activity 4 days a week. The 4 week Challenge runs from February 4 to March 2. 6 families participated. Better than Summer Active. Those that participated enjoyed it and had fun with it, most times not realizing how busy they were physically active, until they kept track.
- **Canada Summer Job Applications 2008** – Director submitted annual application based on the needs of the Village: Parks/Public Works Maintenance (4), Community Events Coordinator (1), Youth and Special Projects Coordinator (1), Recreation Assistant (1), Tennis Academy Coordinator (1), Day Camp Leaders (3), Special Needs Leaders (2), Playground Program Coordinator (1) and Playground Program Leader (1).
- **Recreation Facility Development (RFD) Grant** – submitted to the Province for the Golfview Homeowners Dan Watters Memorial Park Project 2008.
- **Kids Can Sew Program** – Planned, developed, organized, promoted and implemented program @ NMES with Violy Curry Instructing. 7 Participants have registered in the new offering.
- **Soccer Coordinator Position 2008** – Director applied for funding from the Province to have a soccer Coordinator again (2007) in partnership with the East Kings Soccer Club.
- **Canada Day Celebrations 2008 – Grant Application** – Director applied for a federal grant for Canada Day Celebrations in the Village for July 1, 2008. Includes Pancake Breakfast, Fireworks and an afternoon of family fun – Proud to be Canadian.
- **New Minas Minor Ball Association** – met with President Lyle Boylen and he has recommended that the Association amalgamate with Kentville Minor Ball Association so that all children in the area have a chance to play ball this summer. He'd like to see the ball fields used here in New Minas with the amalgamation.
- **Open House – ABS-O-LUTE Gym** – Dale P. & I attended open house of the new gym in New Minas on February 23rd. We had a guided tour and had a chance to meet and discuss items with the owner.

On a personal note, I want to thank the Village Staff, Commission, etc. for the very nice sympathy cards and donations to the Crohns & Colitis Foundation with the passing of dad this month, especially Terry and Peter attending dad's funeral. It is greatly appreciated.

It was moved by D. Chaulk and seconded by C. Shields, to accept the Director's February Monthly Report as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Angus MacIsaac, NS Economic Development Minister: Soccer

Coordinator – Director received a copy of an e-mail to MLA David Morse: Thank you for your e-mail for support for the East Kings Soccer Club as an integral link in the soccer activities in eastern Kings County.

My Staff have assured me that the application has been received and will be included in the Kings County application assessment process. Your message will be attached to the application.

6.2 Judy Milne, Coordinator, NS Economic Development – Director received e-mail from Judy Milne: I've been hearing great things about all the activities you have held and have coming up for the seniors in New Minas. It's comforting to know that my Dad has lots of options to take up his time.

Judy also informed the Director of two grant programs that were recently announced by the Department of Seniors: Positive Aging Fund (Up to \$10,000) and the Age-friendly Communities Program (Up to \$5,000).

6.3 Cathy Palmer, Jackie Sullivan, Susan Carbyn, Shirley Parker & Maynard Stevens – Winter Carnival 2008 – Director received five e-mails on the recent New Minas Winter Carnival:

- **Cathy Palmer, Golfview** - Just wanted to tell you that we had a great time on Saturday at Lockhart Ryan Park. It was our first year attending as our children are young and we all had a great time. We went sledding on the main hill (we were one of the first) and all of us enjoyed the chowders and put our votes in. By the way which letter won? Then my husband and I put on snow shoes and took the kids for a ride in the sleds until we found another hill that they could slide down (because it was getting too busy and icy for kids as young as ours). Then we headed back to have hot dogs, hot chocolate and ice cream. My kids are 3 1/2 and 1 1/2 so this was a VERY big treat for them. We stuck around to see who won the snow sculpture contest then had to head home after almost 4 hours out in the cold! It was great! I am so proud to be a neighbor and get to participate in the great things you and all the volunteers put on through the year.

Keep up the good work because I'm planning on participating again in the future! Thanks again.

- **Jackie Sullivan** - Vince, these are fantastic. Thanks so much for sending them and for all your hard work, organizing these great events!!
- **Susan Carbyn** - The winter carnival activities were a lot of fun on the weekend! You guys did an amazing job. Thanks so much for everything. Susan and the family.
- **Shirley Parker** - I heard many wonderful things about the Winter Carnival festivities and a lot of appreciation from those in attendance for the fun weekend and the effort put out by the staff. It was good to be part of a positive experience for the area
- **Maynard Stevens** - please pass along big thanks to all the volunteers and super staff who helped out over the past four days to make the New Minas Winter Carnival a GREAT success! from the senior dance on Thursday, the grand opening Friday night, the snow fall over night Friday, (I know that you had something to do with that, admit it!) the fun time Saturday morning at the breakfast, all afternoon long outdoor, right up to and including Sunday's fun day for the whole family, my winter hat is off to a job well done by everyone, we can only hope that next year will be just as good if not better....pass along thanks to everyone, especially Rod for everything he did, thanks Vince for your hard work....cheers from Maynard and Mary.....heard nothing but great comments from everyone, well done again.....

6.4 Dave Molloy, NS Coordinator of Facility Development – Director received a letter from Dave Molloy: I am pleased to enclose a Government of N.S cheque in the amount of \$20,000 payable to the Village of New Minas.

The cheque represents the initial 80% payment of a grant approved by the Department of Health Promotion & Protection, through the Recreation facility

Development Grant Program Grant in the fiscal year 2007-08. The purpose of this grant is to assist with facility upgrades at Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park.

6.5 Active Kids Healthy Kids (AKHK): A Physical Activity Strategy for Children, Youth and Families in NS -

Department received a package of documents for the new Active Kids Healthy Kids: A Physical Activity Strategy for Children, Youth and Families in NS (AKHK). The new strategy launched December 12, 2007 represents the individual and collective efforts of many government and non-government organizations from various sectors. The evaluation of AKHK found that success is positively influenced by committed collaboration. Great progress has been made particularly among the areas of family, education, community, health promotion, environment, sport, fitness and recreation. The new strategy aims to build on these successes with two new strategic actions: teenaged youth and built environments supportive of active transportation and play.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 New Minas Volunteer of the Year 2008 –

Director presented the Committee with 2 names that were nominated for New Minas Volunteer of the Year 2008: 1.) Andrew Ward (1032 Cloverleaf Dr, New Minas) nominated by Sharon Sampson (New Minas Elementary School) and Leslie Sequeira (1015 Old Farm Lane, New Minas).

After careful consideration:

It was moved by D. Chaulk and seconded by M. Stevens, to recommend to the Village Commission Leslie Sequeira as New Minas volunteer of the Year 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee would like to see Andrew recognized at the New Minas Volunteer Recognition Reception 2008 on April 28th. as runner-up.

7.2 AKHK Funding -

Director informed the Committee that he has applied for \$3,000 funding with AKHK Eastern Kings for two new programs promoting physical activity: A Sport Start Program for Grades 2 & 3 and Sports Pursuits (Grades 9-12).

7.3 Active Transportation – Champion Representative – Village received a letter from Mike Trinacty, Valley Region Representative, NS Health Promotion & Protection and Jennifer Coolen, Valley Active Communities Coordinator, requesting that the Village have a Champion Representative for Active Transportation in the area.

Dan Boulder and Carey Pineo were names mentioned as possible representatives of the Village.

The Committee felt that Carey is a good role model and would have the time to be the Village's Active Transportation Champion. The Director was asked to approach Carey Pineo to see if she would be interested in representing the Village.

If she was interested, Chair Dale Pineo would bring her name forward to the Village Commission at the next monthly meeting for approval.

7.4 \$3,000 Pre-Approved Budget for Apple Blossom Float 2008

M. Stevens reported that he received pre-budget approval \$3,000 for the 40th Anniversary Apple Blossom Float 2008.

7.5 VANSDA-Older Adults Program

Department received a Certificate of Appreciation for contributing to the VANSDA-Older Adults Program by allowing Shirley Revallion to be the Administrative Assistant for the Recreation Office during her term of placement.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

In Motion of M. Stevens, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Vince Forrestall,
Director of Recreation

Dale Pineo, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

