

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room, Civic Centre

The Regular monthly meeting of the Village of New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Civic Centre.

In Attendance: Chair Dale Pineo
Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens
Village Commissioner Linda Lockhart
Citizen Member Les Sequeria
Vince Forrestall, Recreation Director
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

Also in Attendance: Mr. Keith Fuller

Regrets: Village Commission Chair Dave Chaulk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pineo called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – February 6, 2007

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens, that the Agenda for the Regular RAC meeting of February 6, 2007 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4, 2007

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by L. Sequeria, that the minutes of the regular RAC meeting held January 4, 2007 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION – Mr. Keith Fuller – All-Weather Active Living Turf

Vince Forrestall introduced Mr. Keith Fuller, President of the Valley Soccer Association. Vince briefly explained that he has attended several meetings with Mr. Fuller, Mr. Brian Banks from ACOA and Mr. Mike Trinacty of Sport Nova Scotia.

Mr. Fuller gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining some ideas he has come up with to build an all-weather active living turf at Lockhart Ryan field. The presentation was very informative and well presented, and Mr. Fuller answered questions from the Committee members.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by L. Lockhart, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to approve the All-Weather Active Living Turf Project for a Lockhart Ryan field in principle, and to move forward with approving the cost of carrying out a Needs Assessment in the 2007/2008 Budget. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Fuller was thanked for the great presentation, and for his commitment to the community.

L. Sequeria left the meeting at this time.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) \$2,000 Presentation to NMES – Grand Opening February 14, 2007

V. Forrestall advised that the official opening of the new gymnasium at the New Minas Elementary School will take place on February 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., and it was agreed that RAC Chair Pineo and V. Forrestall will officially be in attendance. Everyone is invited to attend.

(b) Light-up the Strip for Christmas/Flick the Switch

V. Forrestall updated the Committee on the “*Light-Up the Strip for Christmas/Flick the Switch*” program planned for the 2007 Christmas season. He stated he is working closely with Mr. Stephen Bishop, and at this point, the Village will be requested to assist in the promotion of the event, by contributing to prizes, distribution of the manual, etc..

(c) Facility Development Grant Approval – Lockhart Ryan and Outdoor Parks

V. Forrestall presented the prioritized list of facility development projects, and advised he has submitted the application for the Facility Development Grant (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by L. Lockhart, that it be recommended to the Village Commission that the list of facility expenditures as prioritized and presented to the Rec Advisory Committee, be considered for the 2007/2008 Budget, based on funding. MOTION CARRIED

(d) Valley Event & Sport Tourism Group – Update

V. Forrestall gave a synopsis of the forming of the Valley Event & Sport Tourism Group, which came about as the result of the local bid for the 2011 Winter Games. He stated there are a number of events that could be hosted in this area and organized by this group, and Vince stated he is attending meetings and will continue to update the RAC.

(e) Seniors' Day/Luncheon

V. Forrestall updated the Committee on the Seniors' Day/Luncheon

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

V. Forrestall gave the Director's Report for January (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens to accept the Director's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Chair Pineo thanked Vince for the excellent report, and for his continued hard work and dedication.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) After the Bell Program – Community Development Grant

V. Forrestall provided a copy of a letter from Duff Montgomerie, A/Deputy Minister for Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection, in which the Committee was informed that the application for a grant for the "After the Bell Program" was approved, in the amount of \$3,000.

(b) NMES Playground Grant – Letter of Support

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens, that it be recommended to the Village Commission of New Minas to write a letter of support in favour of New Minas Elementary School's application for a playground equipment grant. MOTION CARRIED

(c) Community Development Grant – Volleyball Academy Program

V. Forrestall provided a copy of a letter from Tracy Roberts, Valley Regional Secretary of Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection, in which notification was given for a successful Community Development Grant application for \$2,400.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Community Use at NMES

As explained previously in Vince's Director's report, Vince has been working closely with Mr. Eric Trahan (NMES Principal), Ms. Lynn Fuller, Phys. Ed Teacher, and Mr. Stuart Jamieson, Director of Corporate Services for the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board to make appropriate arrangements for the use of the New Minas Elementary School gym and equipment. He stated it is going very well.

(b) Vendors – Events

Vince stated that staff has discussed different options to consider for having concession vendors at special events at Lockhart Ryan Park during special events. These are:

- Vendors being allowed to come in at no cost
- Vendors being allowed to come in at and pay a fee
- Vendors not being allowed to come to the events

The Committee agreed that they have no problem with vendors being present at Lockhart Ryan Park during special events at the staff's discretion, and that no fee should be charged.

(c) Winter Carnival (February 23 – 25)

V. Forrestall distributed a draft schedule of events for the New Minas Winter Carnival scheduled for February 23 to 25th. The Committee members were impressed with the proposed list.

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens that it be recommended to the Village Commission that the Village proclaim February 23 to 25 the Official New Minas Winter Carnival 2007. MOTION CARRIED

(d) March Break Day Camp (March 12 to 16)

V. Forrestall reported that there are 23 students registered for the March Break Day Camp being held from March 12 to 16.

(e) Provincial Volunteer Week (April 15 – 21)

V. Forrestall reported that Provincial Volunteer week will be held from April 15 to 21, 2007, with the Village's banquet taking place on April 16th.

It was agreed that V. Forrestall, Chair D. Pineo and the Village's Volunteer of the year will attend the provincial awards ceremony on April 10th in Halifax.

(f) Kings County Basketball Academy Program

V. Forrestall reported he had been approached by Bev Greenlaw, who is known in the area and is very experienced with conducting basketball camps. Vince is still trying to work out the details.

(g) Celebration Days: Fireworks Night

V. Forrestall advised that the staff has been discussing the Celebration Days schedule of events, and were considering having the fireworks on the Friday night, instead of Saturday night. Discussion took place, and it was discovered that throughout the history of Celebration Days, the fireworks were generally held on Friday nights.

(h) Staff/Commission Healthy Lifestyle/Wellness Incentive Program

Vince stated a lot of municipalities are offering staff and elected officials the opportunity to live healthy lifestyles by doing such things as contributing to programs that would benefit them.

It was moved by L. Lockhart, seconded by M. Stevens, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to offer staff and Commissioners a 50% cost-sharing for wellness incentive programs. MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of M. Stevens, the meeting adjourned.

Dale Pineo, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer