

Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
PEMBROKE, Ontario
April 18, 2017
6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Councillor McCann, Chair
Deputy Mayor Gervais
Councillor Lafreniere
Councillor Plummer

Mayor LeMay
Councillor Scott
Councillor Reavie

Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, CAO/Clerk
Ron Conroy, Manager – Recreation, Culture & Tourism
Linda Rook, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Mayor LeMay
THAT the agenda of the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee
of April 18, 2017 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee – March 21, 2017

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Mayor LeMay
THAT the minutes of the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee meeting of March 21, 2017 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. New Business

a. Needle Drop Boxes – R. Conroy

Mr. Conroy presented his report. A discussion was held and the following points were raised:

- Program is working – getting needles off the streets.
- AOTC site is the most used box. Difficult to determine where the sharps are coming from.
- Maybe two boxes are needed at the AOTC site.
- Staff will continue to monitor over summer.

b. Pembroke Horticultural Society Request – R. Conroy

Mr. Conroy reviewed his report and a discussion was held. The following points were raised:

- Long-term financial costs of bench and tree should not be at the expense of rate payers.
- Although organizations may want to do something, Council needs to look at what the City plans to do.
- Accept report in principal.
- Staff to speak to Pembroke Horticultural Society to draft letter for their perpetual care of their donation.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
THAT the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee accept in principle the request from the Pembroke Horticultural Society to install a granite bench and tree at the east end of the Marina in the grassed area.
AND
THAT staff are directed to report back with a draft policy regarding this type of installation or donations for Committee to review.

CARRIED

c. Highview School Request – R. Conroy

Mr. Conroy reviewed this report and a discussion was held. The following points were raised:

- Ideal for City to show support of our youth. Free use of pool would acknowledge student excellent and show recognition from the City of Pembroke.
- Mayor received a letter from Bishop Smith High School seeking a grant and proposed they be offered the same as Highview School, a two hours of free swim time at the kinsmen Pool.
- A Council member pointed out that when Council approves 'every feel good movement' it was taking money from ratepayers; that the two hours of free swim time should be free for all or free for no one.
- A Council member expressed it was nice to see the school system recognizes the importance of the pool and suggested it presented an opportunity for the City to extend an invitation to all three school boards to partnership with the City in a new pool facility.
- A Council member expressed concerns regarding the proposal that Bishop Smith High School also be offered a 2-hour free swim, even though Bishop Smith had not made a request.

MOTION: Moved by Mayor LeMay
Seconded by Councillor Scott
THAT the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee approve the request from Highview School for two hours of free swim time at the Kinsmen Pool,
AND
THAT Bishop Smith High School also be approved for two hours of free swim time at the Kinsmen Pool.

Deputy Mayor Gervais requested a recorded vote.

For: Mayor LeMay, Councillor Lafreniere, Councillor Reavie, Councillor McCann, and Councillor Scott.

Against: Deputy Mayor Gervais, Councillor Plummer.

CARRIED 5 to 2

d. Kiwanis Walkway Sign Project – R. Conroy

Mr. Conroy reviewed this information report and a discussion was held.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Lafreniere
Seconded by Councillor Reavie

THAT the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee approve the use of City land for the installation of the proposed signs.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais
THAT the April 18, 2017 meeting of the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

CARRIED