

# **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
February 18, 2020  
6:40p.m.

## **1. Call to Order**

### **Present:**

Councillor Lafreniere, Chair  
Mayor LeMay  
Deputy Mayor Gervais  
Councillor Abdallah  
Councillor Plummer  
Councillor Reavie

### **Regrets:**

Councillor Jacyno

### **Also Present:**

Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ron Conroy, Manager of Parks & Recreation  
Linda Rook, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 Abdallah  
Seconded by Councillor Reavie  
THAT the Agenda of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of February 18, 2020 be accepted as circulated.

**Carried**

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

### **Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais  
THAT the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of January 21, 2020 be accepted as circulated.

**Carried**

**5. New Business****a. Bass Fishing Derby**

Mr. Conroy reviewed the report. A discussion was held.

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the Committee waives the rental fees for the space at Centenary Park for the annual bass fishing derby on August 18, 2020.

**Carried****b. Relay for Life Request**

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

- There is an economic impact on the Parks & Recreation budget from loss of revenue due to the waiving of large rental fees.
- The Special Events Production budget (\$25,500) could be used to fund the waiver of rental fees.

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the Committee approves the transfer of \$2,000 from the Park & Recreation's Special Events Production budget to cover the cost of the Relay for Life Event on June 19, 2020.

**Carried**

**Direction:** Staff to come back to Committee with thoughts on a policy with respect to grants and reduction of fees, considering factors such as economic spin-off, for profit or non-profit, and where grants should be funded from.

**c. Pansy Patch Wedding Request**

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

- Staff will establish a similar fee structure to the Amphitheatre that will work for Pansy Patch Park, noting the amenities are limited i.e. no electrical services, only one washroom.
- It was recommended that the following items be considered: a defined area for the wedding ceremony with input from horticultural society, that others can use Park at the same time as wedding ceremony, extra cleaning fees, parking regulations, limited number of attendees, input from City staff, horticultural society, and Algonquin College; discussion with Economic Development regarding a brochure setting out wedding venues in the City;
- It was also proposed that the money collected from the fees be applied to a fund for Pansy Patch, i.e. for extra garbage receptacles.
- Staff are looking into having the city's own carrier, Frank Cowan, provide additional insurance for other user groups.

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the Committee approves the request from a resident to host a wedding ceremony at Pansy Patch Park on May 30, 2020.

And Further that the Parks & Recreation Department establish a permit, application form and policy regarding wedding ceremonies at Pansy Patch Park.

**Carried**

**d. Black Creek Rodeo Request**

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

- This is a for profit event which will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Soldier On program.
- Munro Street and Christie Street will not be closed, staff to work with Black Creek Rodeo regarding accessibility.
- It was recommended that the full rental fees would not be waived.

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the Committee approves the transfer of \$1,000 from the Park & Recreation's Special Events Production budget to reduce PMC rental fees for the Black Creek Rodeo event on May 1 and 2, 2020.

**Carried**

**e. Sharps Collection Program 2019**

Mr. Conroy reviewed his information report. A discussion was held.

**6. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the February 18, 2020 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

**Carried**