

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
September 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Also Present:

Angela Lochtie, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
Ron Conroy, Manager of Parks & Recreation (electronically)
Linda Rook, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Plummer

THAT the Agenda of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of September 15, 2020 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

4. New Business

a. Community Partners

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

- Seeking to streamline programming, avoid duplication, and to come up with innovative programming to better serve our community
- Partnerships will provide for shared space and shared funds
- Regular partner meetings are required to ensure a structured approach and communication

b. Recreation Facility Openings

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

- There is only one entrance/exit to the Kinsmen pool. Staff have placed a physical line on the floor, public will go in one side and come out the other side. The public will be screened at door and temperatures taken. Arrows on the floor are used to set up an orderly flow of foot traffic through to the pool. The public must wear a mask until they get into the pool.
- The facility will have a limited supply of disposable face masks available.

c. Public Wi-Fi

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

- Riverside Park has less than 4 Megabits per second for download and does not qualify for the minimum of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission standard.
- Need to find cost so we can decide to get grant, put in city budget, or work with PBIA for sharing the cost for downtown.
- Funding may be available through the new Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, which supports community-led solutions that respond to needs arising from COVID-19.

Direction:

Committee provided direction to staff to explore costing to provide public Wi-Fi for open spaces at Riverside Park, Waterfront and possibly Shamrock Park, assuming same would be phased in.

6. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the September 15, 2020 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Carried