

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
December 17, 2019
6:12 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:

Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer
Angela Lochtie – Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
Heidi Martin, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Deputy Mayor Gervais declared a pecuniary interest for agenda item 6 c. as the office of Sheppard and Gervais is involved.

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 December 17, 2019 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of November 19, 2019 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

5. Presentations

a. Sign Request 0 2 International Drive, O’Kenny Craft Spirits – Andrew Kenny

Mr. Lapierre reviewed his report. Mr. Andrew Kenny, owner of O’Kenny Craft Spirits, was to make a presentation to Committee to reconsider direction of the Planning and Development Committee meeting of October 1, 2019, however Mr. Kenny was unable to attend. A discussion was held.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the Parks and Recreation Committee table the Sign Request – 2 International Drive, O’Kenny Craft Spirits report until a future meeting.

Carried

b. Former Fire Hall – 273 Victoria Street – Jerry Novack and Deacon Adrien Chaput Mr. Lapierre presented the report. Jerry Novack, representative from The Grind; Deacon Adrien Chaput, representative from the Kitchen Initiative and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul; and Sher Brisebois, a volunteer with The Grind; spoke to Committee in regards to The Grind’s application for space in the former fire hall.

A discussion was held with the following points raised:

- The Grind is requesting access to the administration side of the former fire hall as well as Bay 1. They would like access to Bays 2 and 3 for future expansion.
- The Grind will work with the City for all permits and to ensure Code is met
- The Grind assured Committee members that they will partner with other organizations as well as private supporters for funding and there will be no cost to the municipality or tax payers
- There is much divisiveness in the City with a common theme of “not in my back yard”
- Other agencies expressed an interest in the space however; some of those agencies also reported an operating deficit yet are looking for additional space. The Grind is in a crisis trying to serve people in crisis. Other agencies are not in a crisis
- The County of Renfrew is currently reviewing its 10-year Homelessness Plan

Motion:

Moved by Mayor LeMay

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends that the City of Pembroke enter into a lease based on The Grind’s Proposal 1 & 2, subject to negotiations with staff.

Councillor Plummer requested a recorded vote.

Yea: Mayor LeMay, Deputy Mayor Gervais, Councillor Reavie, Councillor Jacyno, Councillor Lafreniere

Nea: Councillor Plummer, Councillor Abdallah

Carried

6. New Business

a. Long-Term Care Cost Sharing Agreement

Ms. Lochtie presented the report. A discussion was held.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends that the City's percentage share of long-term care costs be frozen at the 2019 rate of 30.63% with the stipulation that the December 31st resident population data still be provided to the City by March 31st of the following year.

Carried

b. Snowmobiler Television marketing Opportunity

Mr. Lapierre reviewed the report.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the Parks and Recreation Committee approves a 2020 budget expense preapproval of \$2,333.33 for a marketing opportunity with Snowmobiler Television, in partnership with the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association, Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization and the Ontario tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation; and That the Parks and Recreation Committee approves an increase to the 2020 budget line for tourism initiatives to \$10,00 from \$8,000 to include this opportunity on top of other planned tourism initiatives in 2020

Carried

Deputy Mayor Gervais left the table due to his perceived pecuniary interest.

c. Proposed Sale of Land

Mr. Lapierre reviewed the report.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the Parks and Recreation Committee recommends to Council the sale of land legally described as Concession 1, Part Lots 28 and 29, Stafford and being Part of Part 1 on 49R-18740.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Gervais returned to the table

d. Public Free Skates

Mr. Lapierre reviewed the report and thanked the following sponsors for the fifty-eight free public skates being provided on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons during the fall/winter ice season:

7. Malcolm, Deavitt and Binhammer Funeral Home
8. SRB Technologies
9. Tim Hortons
10. HGS
11. Ontario Power Generation
12. Integrated Health Centre
13. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories
14. CUPE Local 24
15. The Nook Creperie Inc.

- 16. Ry-J's Climbing Adventures
- 17. MPP John Yakabuski

18. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That the December 17, 2019 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Carried