

## **Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Via Zoom**

**March 3, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sentance, Councillor Kenny, D. Pelletier (Chair), M. Coppola, J. D'Amelio-Swyer, T. Kornelsen, P. Palmer, T. Vandermaas, E. Yates

**STAFF:** C. Dray, S. Jarvis, C. McIntosh (recording)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – February 3, 2021**

**MOVED BY:** T. Vandermaas

**SECONDED BY:** T. Kornelsen

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting of March 3, 2021.

**CARRIED**

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – February 3, 2021**

**MOVED BY:** T. Vandermaas

**SECONDED BY:** T. Kornelsen

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation meeting minutes from February 3, 2021, be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

### **5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **a. Skate Park Concept**

C. Dray provided a draft skate park concept to the Committee to review and provide comments.

Committee members discussed that there should be public consultation about the location and the amenities ie. adequate parking, seating. Members agreed that input would be important from the demographic who would use the facility. C. Dray advised that a skate park is not a budgeted item but a proposal could be prepared for Council's consideration of the 2022 budget.

#### **b. Bench and Tree Policy**

C. Dray circulated the draft policy. Prices will be included once the policy is approved by Council.

C. Dray advised that chat benches could be created using the proposed design and adding a plaque. Discussion took place about ensuring the information is on the website, fees and maintenance of the bench, donation receipts, procedure to deal with repair/replacement if there is vandalism. C. Dray advised that the items discussed are detailed in the policy.

Discussion took place about a sub committee to seek donations overall for Battle of Beaverdams Park and a donor recognition at the park.

### **6. ROUNDTABLE**

C. Dray advised that the budget is online and includes a number of projects from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

C. McIntosh advised that three grant applications were submitted – Healthy Communities Initiative for Welland Canal Trail Resurfacing (Niagara Circle Route), the Greenbelt Fund for the Decew Multi-Purpose Trail, and the Municipal Modernization Program for a Cemetery Service Delivery Review.

E. Yates inquired where to find the Capital Projects in the budget. C. McIntosh directed Committee members to the Budget section of the website. E. Yates also commented that the survey had great results and information obtained was more productive than attending a meeting in person or virtually.

M. Coppola advised that the BIA and Library are partnering to do a COVID-19 friendly Easter Egg Hunt.

Councillor Sentance advised that new members were added to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee - Fernando Pasquale and Greg Cappellaro. The Terms of Reference were updated to include 9 Committee members.

T. Kornelsen inquire about plans for re-opening facilities including the pool and splash pad. C. Dray advised that reopening is being planned but with flexibility due to possible restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. S. Jarvis advised

that programming will be by registration and will be structured to deal with distancing requirements ie. limits to the number of times a participant can register. Information will be released in May.

T. Vandermaas advised that the Library will be open for browsing by appointment only, restricted to 5 people at a time. Lake Gibson Preservation Task Force meets March 3, 2021 and the Decew Trail will be a topic.

Councillor Kenny noted that the City has applied for funding to support the Decew Trail project and to let your Councillors know your support for the project.

D. Pelletier advised that TCAG will be resuming programming and that the City and TCAG formalized an agreement for continued collaboration.

Councillor Kenny noted that it has been communicated to City staff that Christmas decorations are still on Front Street and need to be removed and they discussed the garbage issues downtown.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY: M. Coppola

SECONDED BY: T. Vandermaas

That this meeting be hereby adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Dan Pelletier, Chair

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Carrie McIntosh, Staff Liaison