

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
***Regular Committee Meeting – Recreation and  
 Community Engagement***  
**Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 5:30 pm**  
**North Shore Community Centre**

**PRESENT:**

Chair Bob Doyle, Charity Sheehan, Jeremy Fraser, Sandra Moore, Councillor Derek Cook, and Rec Coordinator Shirley Beebe

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 5:30pm by Chair Bob Doyle

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Moved by Chairty Sheehan and seconded by Jeremy Fraser*  
*All in favor*  
**MOTION CARRIED**

2.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary or other Conflicts of Interest – None.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:**

Approval of the minutes from the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Rec Meeting

*Moved by Jeremy Fraser and seconded by Charity Sheehan.*  
*All in Favor*  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.1 Business Arising from the Minutes**

Remembrance Day – we had last minute entries for the Literary Contest. We will offer the literary contest again and spread the word in school newsletters. Riptide Softball Association will like to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day as well.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Chair Report**

There was discussion about field maintenance, getting the fields rolled and sprayed for bugs. It was also discussed about cleaning up the area behind the back ballfield's backstop to create a better viewing area. We need to find out where the lines are for the property. It was requested for Shirley to send out the Recreation Master Plan for the new Rec Committee to review it. What is our committee's role in regard to the Recreation Master Plan? Bob nominated Charity as the Vice-Chair of the Rec Committee.

***Moved by Bob Doyle and seconded by Jeremy Fraser.***

***All in Favor***

***MOTION CARRIED***

#### **4.2 Rec Coordinator Report**

Reviewed the Rec Report. We reviewed the Christmas event. There was a discussion about a Winter Carnival for the Municipality. It is something that has been tried in the past with not much success. May be something to look into trying again as it has been a few years.

#### **4.3 Easter Party**

Discussion was had about ways to hide the Easter eggs to make it fair for all ages involved. It was decided to hide empty plastic eggs and the kids trade in the eggs for a treat bag. It was asked if anyone knew someone who had real bunnies that would bring them to the Easter party for a petting zoo.

#### **4.4 CAO Update About Fences**

Shirley read an update about the ballfield fences on behalf of Martha Jewell. It was asked how the Municipality plans to cover the cost of the fences that insurance won't cover.

#### **4.5 Field Maintenance**

There was discussion on the condition of the infield of the back softball field. There was talk about a Harley Rake and if that would be effective for removing the weeds. Jeremy mentioned Mitch MacDonald at Eagle Landscaping and was quoted at \$700 for bringing in the bobcat and removing the weeds from the infield. We would need an updated quote.

There is a spot by the pitcher's mound at the ballfield in Grand Tracadie that needs to be fixed. There was an abundance of water at some point that caused damage to the field from the pitcher's mound to third base. More soil needs to be put on it and then gravel on top to fix it.

It was mentioned to ask permission from Myron MacDonald to roll his field prior to having it done.

#### **4.6 Parking Lot – Grand Tracadie**

The parking lot is complete in Grand Tracadie. The primary role of the parking lot is to provide parking for the use of the ballfield. It was discussed that Mighty Oaks can use a few spaces of the parking lot for their staff as there will not be much overlap between the Daycare and games/practices.

It was asked if it was ever discussed by Council, to move the mailboxes in Grand Tracadie to a different location.

#### **4.7 Ball Hockey**

Sarah Hogan has volunteered to run the Youth Ball Hockey Program at the outdoor rink in Grand Tracadie for the month of May. There will be a \$20/child fee to participate in this event.

It was discussed if any funding needs to go into the ball hockey program. The condition of the nets was brought up – maybe getting new nets similar to the ones inside at NSCC. Weight of the nets is a consideration as we do not want anyone getting hurt.

#### **4.8 Community Fridge**

Councilor Derek Cook provided an update on the Community Fridge. It is plugged in and ready for donations as of today. It was discussed that at future events we could ask for donations to the Community Fridge (i.e. at the Halloween Party we asked for donations to the food bank). Lori Fagan is heading up the volunteers for the fridge.

#### **4.9 Schedule of Rec Committee Meetings**

Bob proposes that we meet on a bimonthly basis with special meetings when need be. We will try it on a trial basis.

5. **NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

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SIGNED: Bob Doyle, Chair

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