

## APPROVED MINUTES

### ***Regular Committee Meeting Recreation & Community Engagement Committee*** **5:30pm Tuesday, November 17th, 2020** **North Shore Community Centre**

**PRESENT:**

Committee Chair Councillor Bob Doyle, Committee Members, Charity Sheehan, Jeremy Fraser, Frank Morrison and Recreation & Event Coordinator Jennifer Blair

Regrets: Mayor Gerard Watts, Committee Member Kim Meunier

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** 5:36pm by Committee Chair Councillor Bob Doyle.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**It was duly moved and seconded** that the agenda be approved.

Moved by Jeremy Fraser, seconded by Charity Sheehan

***All in Favor***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Division 4, Section 96 of the *Municipal Government Act*  
 There were none.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**It was duly moved and seconded** that the minutes of the Oct 13, 2020 meeting be approved.

Moved by Charity Sheehan, seconded Jeremy Fraser

***All in Favor***

***MOTION CARRIED***

**3.1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was none.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1. Peggy Miles – Presentation on Community Navigators**

Peggy Miles gave a presentation on the Community Navigators organization and their role in the community with a focus on central PEI. Fresh Air Friday was discussed as well as future opportunities for partnership and how the Community Navigator program can assist in bridging gaps between newcomers and their new communities.

#### **4.2. Chair Report**

Chair Councillor Bob Doyle reported on the success of the closed and modified Remembrance Day ceremony. Bob explained that the video of the veterans received a lot of engagement and that the videos were a positive addition to the Remembrance Day campaign. It was suggested that the video or a live stream could be an option for those who cannot attend an in-person ceremony even after the pandemic. Bob also provided an update on the rink boards for Grand Tracadie.

#### **4.3. Rec Coordinator Report**

Jennifer reported that the Halloween Movie Party went well with 20 attendees from 6 different families and the donated pumpkins from Jack's Pumpkins were a big hit with the children. Being under budget for the event, new decorations were purchased.

Trunk or Treat went well, there were 9 decorated trunks and about 35-40 trick or treaters. It was proposed to have a similar event in Grand Tracadie next year.

Remembrance Day, in its modified format, was deemed a success. Roughly 35 attended the closed ceremony and a trumpeter was hired to perform the Last Post and Reveille. Funding from Veterans Affairs Canada was used to pay for the videographer.

There was discussion surrounding the development of a Recreation Plan and hiring of a Recreation Consultant.

#### **4.4. New Committee Member Recommendation**

Frank Morrison is a new member to the Committee. He is a non-voting member and therefore not part of the quorum but can offer input and contribute to discussion.

#### **4.5. Paint Night**

Jennifer explained that East Coast Art Party will be here as we host a paint night on November 21. Ticket sales were going well and the bar will be open.

#### **4.6. Christmas Activities**

Jennifer believes following a similar format to the Halloween Movie Party will be best as it allowed groups to participate but maintain social distance. The tentative plan is to show a Christmas movie and hand out a Christmas goodie bag. Charity suggested a family photo area as traditional photos on Santa's knee are not an option this year. Other options for festive activities and ways to include Santa are still being discussed.

#### **4.7. Skating Rinks**

The boards for Grand Tracadie will be delivered and ready to be set-up sometime between December 4 and 10 and still in the process of acquiring a liner for this rink. The liner at the Community Centre

can be reused this year and we're in the process of recruiting volunteers. There was discussion about setting skating-only times.

#### **4.8. Canada Day Funding**

The application for Celebrate Canada funding is due shortly, Jennifer asked the Committee how we might best proceed. It was decided to proceed as if the pandemic is not a concern and to keep the plans general for now. The application will be submitted on the premise of an in-person event.

#### **4.9. Non-Smoking Bylaw**

Frank Morrison explained that the change to the policy is the inclusion of "in public spaces." There was a clarification that this is a policy and not an amendment to the bylaw. It was determined that Frank will speak with Council to clarify and provide further information.

#### **4.10. Volunteer Recruitment**

The need for volunteers to assist with recreation and events was discussed. Ways to reach out and recruit were discussed.

**5. NEXT MEETING:** December 8, 2020 5:30pm

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** 7:34pm

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SIGNED: Bob Doyle, Chair

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SIGNED: Stephanie Moase, CAO

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