



**Town of Paradise
Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting
Boardroom Meeting
May 8, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

Council Present: Larry Vaters, Councillor, Chairperson
 Elizabeth Laurie, Councillor
 Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Ex-Officio

Council Absent: Glen Carew, Councillor

Staff Present: Lisa Niblock, CAO
 Tina Auchinleck Ryan, Director of Recreation and Community
 Services
 Dawn Doody, Administrative Assistant

Staff Absent: Tara Lynch, Recreation Operations Manager
 Julie Milley, Recreation Manager

1. Safety Moment

Councillor Vaters shared a safety moment.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the one addition under New/Other Business.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes were adopted and approved as presented.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Municipal Awareness Day

An update was provided on the schedule for the Municipal Awareness Day activities.

b. Adams Pond License

An update was given on the Adams Pond license 5-year agreement.

5. New/Other Business

a. Visions Employment Minutes

The minutes were attached from the recent Visions Employment meeting for information purposes.

b. Fitness Centre Use – Department of National Defense Agreement

Councillor Vaters declared a possible conflict of interest. Councillor Laurie and CAO Niblock agreed he was not in conflict.

Staff noted that the Department of National Defense Agreement for the Fitness Centre and Skating program expired on April 30, 2023. The committee recommend renewing the agreement with the Department of National Defence for an additional two years.

c. Field Time Allocation 2023

Staff and Council have received concerns regarding the field time allocation for 2023. Due to an increase in Paradise Minor Baseball enrollment, more field times were required for this year. The committee discussed possible options to accommodate our recreation leagues. If the options cannot be considered, Committee recommend upholding the current allocated times that were sent.

d. Swimming – Summer 2023

The committee reviewed the Swimming Program details for 2023 and recommend continuing lessons for this semester with the Works and offer swimming at the YMCA for the summer once the agreement is finalized.

e. 2023 Recreation Facilities Summer Hours

Committee reviewed the 2023 Recreation Facilities Summer Hours and recommend proceeding with the proposed recreation facility hours starting

on July 2 until September 3, 2023. (*Monday to Friday 6-10 PM, Saturday 6-2 PM and Sunday 6-10 PM*).

f. Trail Correspondence

The committee discussed correspondence from a resident that outlined the displeasure of the new gates on the T'railway. The committee discussed the concerns but agreed that the gates serve a purpose. A response will be provided to the resident.

g. Peter Barry Duff Playground

There was a recent open RFP for playground equipment for the Peter Barry Duff Playground. The committee recommend that the RFP be reposted to include more specific requests and then plan for an install in 2024.

h. Event Atlantic Conference

The committee were advised that staff will be attending the local Event Atlantic Conference on June 15-16, 2023.

6. Old/Reoccurring Business

a. Community Garden

Staff brought forward a resident inquiry on the community garden for this upcoming season and this will be included for the 2024 budget discussions. Staff will also investigate other community gardens for the Town and look for additional funding opportunities. Registration for the Community Garden opens on May 29.

b. Grand Concourse

The minutes from a recent meeting with the Grand Concourse were attached for information purposes.

c. Sport Alliance

The Sport Alliance Group from Mount Pearl has reached out to the Town as they are looking at options to expand. The offer has been extended for them to present at an upcoming committee meeting.

d. Hot Wheelz Car Show Rental Request

An update was given on the Hot Wheelz Car Show Rental Request application.

e. Milestone Entertainment Limited Rental Request

The Committee were advised that Milestone Entertainment have decided not to proceed with their event this year.

f. Paradise Park Master Plan

There is a Council engagement session scheduled with Mills and Wright for the Paradise Park Master Plan on June 12, 2023.

g. ACOA Funding

Staff advised the committee that ACOA would be interested in partnering with the Town on the new Boathouse and more information would be provided to the committee once available.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.