



Municipality of Mississippi Mills

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

3:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Municipal Office

3131 Old Perth Road

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A. CALL TO ORDER	
B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF	
C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
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CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 3, 2020

3:00 pm

Municipal Office - Council Chambers

PRESENT: Rick Lotan (Chairperson)
Councillor Dalgity
Scott Newton (3:40 pm)
Terry Ainsworth
Councillor Guerard

STAFF/OTHERS: Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager
Dawn McDonald, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Sherryl Smith
Christine Anderson

Chairperson Rick Lotan called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Councillor Guerard

THAT the March 3, 2020 agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/TOURS - None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 28, 2020

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Terry Ainsworth

THAT the January 28, 2020 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

1. Adopt a Park Policy

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Councillor Guerard

That the Parks and Recreation Committee approve the draft Adopt-a-Park policy subject to review by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

And that the Recreation Manager prepare a staff report for submission to Council once it has been reviewed by the CAO.

CARRIED

2. Dog Park Working Group

The Recreation Manager provided an update on the outcome of the working group's research to date. Two possible locations have been discussed and an estimate of \$40,000 has been received; however a cost breakdown is pending.

The working group are willing to continue looking at this initiative but are seeking direction from Council regarding next steps ie. public consultation. Councillors Dalgity and Guerard agreed to bring this item forward to Council for discussion.

3. Membership for Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

The Committee originally consisted of seven community volunteers and two Councillors. Two of the volunteers have resigned. The recruitment of additional volunteers was discussed at the February 18, 2020 Committee of the Whole and the Clerk has put an advertisement on Facebook.

Once the membership is back to full complement, the schedule for future meetings will be discussed and confirmed.

F. ROUND TABLE

1. New Curling Club Agreement – The current two-year agreement is expiring. A meeting will be held at the end of the season to review full costs, including the hydro breakdown, which was previously unavailable. A new agreement will be negotiated and in place before next Fall.

G. REPORTS – None

H. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

I. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS - None

J. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 31, 2020 meeting cancelled

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 3:00 pm in Council Chambers

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Scott Newton

Seconded by Councilor Guerard

THAT the March 3, 2020 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be
adjourned at 4:18 pm.

CARRIED

_____ Dawn McDonald, Recording Secretary

Survey of Disc Golf Usage In Gemmill Park

Date of Survey:
Saturday 15 August 2020

Duration of Survey:
6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Weather Conditions:
High of 29 degrees C
Very Light breeze
Clear sky
No precipitation

Gender	Estimated Age	Time	Residence	Visit frequency	Tees Played
male	retired	6am	ottawa	every second day may thru nov	4x Blue
male	retired	6am	ottawa	every second day may thru nov	4x Blue
female	20-30 years	9:30am	ottawa	2 nd visit	red
female	20-30 years	9:30am	ottawa	2 nd visit	red
male	20-30 years	9:30am	ottawa	2 nd visit	red,blue
male	20-30 years	9:30am	ottawa	2 nd visit	red,blue
male	20-30 years	10am	guelph	1 st visit	red,blue
male	20-30 years	10am	guelph	1 st visit	red,blue
female	20-30 years	11:30am	ottawa	1 st visit	red
male	20-30 years	11:30am	ottawa	1 st visit	red
male	20-30 years	12:00	Carleton Place	regular	yellow,yellow
male	20-30 years	12:00	Carleton Place	regular	yellow,yellow
male	30-40 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	red,blue,yellow
male	30-40 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	red,blue,yellow
male	30-40 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	red,blue,yellow
male	16-20 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	blue,blue
male	16-20 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	blue,blue
male	16-20 years	12:30	Owen Sound	1 st visit	blue,blue
female	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
female	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
male	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
male	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
male	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
male	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
Male	40-40 years	1:40pm	Clayton	regular	red,blue
Male	20-30 years	4:30pm	Almonte	regular	blue
female	20-30 years	4:30pm	Almonte	regular	blue
Male	40-50 years	4:45pm	Stittsville	1 st visit	red,blue
female	40-50 years	4:45pm	Stittsville	1 st visit	red,blue
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Commentary:

There were a total of 29 disc golfers who used the disc golf course on Saturday August 15 2020.

There were no disc golfers arriving during the hottest part of the day from 2:00 pm thru 4:pm.

Regular visitors would be considered as making 3 or more visits to the course each month.

The Ottawa resident disc golfers commented that they typically played the Almonte course on weekends because of the driving time and traffic conditions on weekday evenings.

Out of town visitors had heard about the course from the web and planned their vacations to include a visit to the course as a result of the positive feedback posted.

Many of the visitors asked if there were any Scheduled Tournaments at the course. (A tournament would be a possible fund raising opportunity for a local service club. Reference: <https://trilogychallenge.com/>). Possibly an assignment for a town summer student taking a sports event planning related course?

Many compliments were received on the course layout and how it catered to beginner and younger players with it's Red Tees yet provided a challenge to more experienced players with the Intermediate Blue Tees and Advanced level Yellow Tees. This was stated as a reason for repeat visits.

Many of the repeat visitors asked if there were any plans to add 9 more baskets to the course and make it an 18 basket course. There were offers to help fund raise and plan any future expansion. Many visitors felt that increasing from 9 to 18 baskets would make the Almonte Course become their first choice of Disc Golfing destinations.

Feedback from all the Disc Golfers was overwhelmingly positive and once again there were many comments on how well the Parks and Recreation department has maintained the park. A clean maintained park gave them a feeling of safety and security.

On the following Sunday morning between 9:00 and 10:00 am I did a quick less formal head count of Disc Golfers using the course to determine if the Saturday statistics were consistent for a weekend and not just an anomaly. In that 1 hour snapshot there were 9 disc golfers on the course. The Sunday users were all couples or father and kids. The estimated age would be 10 years through 50 years. This number of disc golfers falls in line with the statistics collected on the previous day.

A follow-up to the information collected will be to monitor Disc Golf Course usage on various weekdays when it is being used by more local residents. Trends for weekday usage, although not officially recorded, seems to be more retired locals starting around 10:00 AM or 2:00 PM and working age players teeing off around 5:30 PM. Surprisingly there are a couple of players that arrive every second day at sunrise.