



The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
MINUTES

February 23, 2021
3:45 p.m.
E-participation

Committee Present: Councillor Dalgity
Councillor Guerard
Sherryl Smith
Scott Newton
Terry Ainsworth
Vicki Lowe
Victoria James-Lafleur

Committee Absent: Christine Andersen
Lyn Button

Staff Present: Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager
Dawn McDonald

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Scott Newton, called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Dalgity
Seconded by Terry Ainsworth

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Victoria James-Lafleur

Seconded by Councillor Guerard

THAT the minutes dated December 1, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

F. REPORTS

None

G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

G.1 Off Street Dog Park

Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager, gave a status update on the Off Street Dog Park. He confirmed that the survey questions and communications plan would be brought back, in a timely fashion, to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for final approval.

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Councillor Guerard

WHEREAS Council, at the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 25, 2020, requested that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee engage in public consultation regarding the future of a municipality run off street dog park in Mississippi Mills;

AND WHEREAS Laurel Cook appeared as a delegation at the last Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on December 1, 2020 and confirmed that her group would be interested in taking part in the public consultation process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Laurel Cook be invited to the next meeting of the Dog Park Working Group to participate in the development of a community outreach plan.

CARRIED

Moved by Sherryl Smith

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

WHEREAS Councillor Dalgity, Scott Newton and Terry Ainsworth were appointed to the Dog Park Working Group in October 2019;

AND WHEREAS Scott Newton offered to step down if there were any new members interested in joining the group;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vicki Lowe be appointed to replace Scott Newton as a member of the Dog Park Working Group.

CARRIED

G.2 Recreation Programs Working Group

The Recreation Programs Working Group had planned to meet in January; however due to the Provincial shutdown the meeting was postponed. The first meeting of this group will now take place via Zoom later this month.

H. ROUND TABLE

H.1 Adopt a Park Policy

On request of an Advisory Committee member, Calvin Murphy provided some background information on the creation of the policy, noting that Don Maynard Park had been adopted. He encouraged interested members to go to our website ([REC-11.-Adopt-A-Park-Policy.pdf](#) [\(mississippimills.ca\)](#) to view the policy and application form on-line.

H.2 Mill Run Park Development

The tender for this project closed on February 23, 2021. A report is being prepared for Council approval with construction to be undertaken in the Spring/Summer 2021.

H.3 Community Services Master Plan

Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager, gave the committee a brief overview of the Community Services Master Plan. The plan forms part of the municipality's Strategic Plan, developed to assist Council and staff in setting priorities and making decisions that will impact our community for years to come.

The Community Services Master Plan will involve an in-depth review of Culture and Recreation, Library and Childcare to gain a shared understanding of these community focused services and what impact they will have on future municipal planning and development.

H.4 Canada Healthy Community Initiatives Grant

The Healthy Communities Initiative is a \$31 million investment from the Government of Canada to transform public spaces in response to COVID-19. Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager, confirmed that he has not applied for funding under this grant program; however, he may look at applying in the coming months to assist with other projects.

Bridging Generations is looking to apply, in partnership with the municipality, for support of their plans for the Pakenham circuit trail. The Pakenham Trail initiative was referred to the Community and Economic Development Advisory Committee, by Council, in October 2019.

I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 3:45 pm

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Guerard
Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:18 pm

CARRIED

Dawn McDonald, Recording
Secretary