
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 | 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting | Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT Brandon Koebel | Tony Diaco | Danica Metcalfe | Neil Simpson

OTHER MEMBERS Sherri Walden | Lyndsay Regier | Tom Karl | Taylor McElwain

REGRETS Mike Schierz | Ryan Enright | Keith Hopkins | Laura Christen

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil.

2. ADOPTION OF June 23, 2021 MINUTES

Moved by B. Koebel | Seconded by D. Metcalfe

THAT the minutes of the June 23, 2021 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. CARRIED.

3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE

The following information item was included in the meeting package sent by email on July 23, 2021.

- 3.1 Council Report PRC-07-21 Build Back Better Assistance Strategy | It was noted that information sessions with user groups were held on July 21 and 22. Follow-up communication with user groups included a proposal example and template.

4. STAFF REPORTS

4.1 Aquatics & Programs

- 4.1.1. Aquatic Centre is open. Patrons have the ability to reserve their spot 1 week in advance of their swim program.
- 4.1.2. Summer Swim Lessons – As of the meeting, there was some availability for lessons session 1 starting August 3 and session 2 starting August 16.
- 4.1.3. Specialty Camps – Most camps are running at full capacity. There are still spots in Jr. Firefighter Camp and Enfant Soleil Camp.

4.2 Parks & Recreation Facilities

- 4.2.1. Baseball – Minor Ball began June 28, Co-ed Slo-Pitch began July 19. Masters Slo-Pitch planned to begin the week of July 27. Hanover Honda Hitmen and Special Olympics Ontario South Saugeen team will not be returning this season.
- 4.2.2. Minor Soccer returned July 9.
- 4.2.3. Vaccination Clinic – Final date for vaccination clinic is July 30. Dismantling of the clinic is scheduled to start August 24.
- 4.2.4. Ice in – Ice plant start up is planned for September 13. First ice available September 27.

4.2.5. Trail Signage – Trail marker signs have been installed.

5. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION | DISCUSSION

5.1 Parks Assessment

5.1.1. Summary of recommendations as per Playchek Services Inc. was provided to committee members.

5.1.2. **Parks Recommendation | Update July 2021** – The Park Assessment direction approved by Council and PRC Advisory Committee was reviewed and updates provided. The following was noted:

- Third party inspection completed in May 2021. PRC Staff have summarized the recommendations and prepared action steps. Surface material has been added to highest priority areas. Some ground equipment has been removed - teeter totters (Kinsmen Ball Park and Robert F Steers) and spring units (Optimist & Kinetite Park).
- Centre of Excellence park investigation in ongoing with members visiting community parks.
- Good committee discussion ensued regarding the northeast quadrant parks (Robert F. Steers Memorial Park and Kinetite Park) and the reduction to 1 neighbourhood park with playground equipment in this area, the alternate use for the park in the northeast quadrant from which playground equipment is removed and the priority order for the replacement and enhancement of the other neighbourhood parks.

ACTION: A formal committee statement / recommendation will be prepared for the next meeting.

5.1.3. **Parks Visits Input** – Members and staff visited parks in Elora, Fergus, Elmira, Southampton and Kincardine. Photos were shared and committee members discussed their observations and input for each park visited in consideration of potential Centre of Excellence park for Hanover. The accessible playgrounds in Elmira, Fergus and Elora left a positive impression on members who visited these communities.

ACTION: Committee to further consider potential centre of excellence location.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Committee member noted possible opportunity to communicate with area outdoor pools and promote our lane swim programs to their patrons to consider swimming year round.

6.2 It was noted the trail marker signs look good.

6.3 Committee member commented on the specialty camps and how their kids are really enjoying.

6.4 Music in Square (Heritage Square) will occur on August 15, 29, September 12 and 26 from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Registration is required to attend and will take drop ins if space is available.

6.5 Status to return to in person meetings as noted.

6.6 Grey County is working on a Cycling Master Plan in and around Hanover. Saugeen Triathlon Club has been approached to be involved in the master plan.

7. **NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday, August 25, 2021 | 7:00 pm

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by N. Simpson | Second by D. Metcalfe

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm. CARRIED.