

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm

**Virtual Meeting | Zoom**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT** Brandon Koebel | Tony Diaco | Mike Schierz | Ryan Enright | Danica Metcalfe | Keith Hopkins

**OTHER MEMBERS** Sherri Walden | Tom Karl | Laura Christen | Lyndsay Regier | Alex Elliot | Janet Elliot

**ABSENT** Neil Simpson

**1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil.**

**2. DELEGATION**

Playground Development Presentation | Alex and Janet Elliott, Openspace Solutions Inc. provided a presentation on playgrounds, AODA requirements and answered questions from committee members.

**3. ADOPTION OF January 26, 2022 MINUTES**

**Moved by B. Koebel | Seconded by K. Hopkins**

THAT the minutes of the January 26, 2022 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. CARRIED.

**4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE**

The following information items were included in the meeting package sent by email on February 11, 2022.

4.1 Hanover Community Trails – Bridges Rehabilitation and Replacement project summary of work completed to date.

4.2 Council Report PRC-03-2022 Disc Golf Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference

4.3 Labyrinth of Distinction | 2022 Induction nominations

**5. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION | DISCUSSION**

**5.1 Playground Development Input – Optimist Park & Kinsmen Ball Park RFP**

Committee members reviewed and provided further feedback for Optimist Park & Kinsmen Ball Park playgrounds RFP document.

**5.2 Centre of Excellence Park – Input & Next Steps –** Defer to next meeting.

**5.3 Disc Golf – PRC Committee representative**

Terms of reference have been approved by council. Committee members discussed acting as a representative and chair person for the Disc Golf committee. K. Hopkins, B. Koebel and T. Diaco are interested in joining the committee as PRC Advisory representatives. It was noted a co-chair scenario could be an option.

**5.4 Fall Statistics**

Statistics for the Fall 2021, 2020 & 2019 were shared with the committee.

## **6. STAFF REPORTS**

### **6.1 Aquatics & Programs**

- 6.1.1. Spring 2022 Parks, Recreation & Culture Guide will be available as of February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.1.2. Family Day – Registration for the Snow Sculpture contest and our free swim and skate for February 21 has opened. We are offering 2 separate swim and skates between 10:00am and 12:30pm in an effort to accommodate as many participants as possible. Thank you to our sponsors Edgewell Personal Care and Royal Lepage Broker Laura Ewart-Schwippl.
- 6.1.3. Public Skating – We have added a public skate time from 6:00 – 6:50pm on Friday night from February 11 to February 27.
- 6.1.4. March Break – March Break Kids Club Day Camp will be offered Monday to Friday in the Lions Den. Participants must sign up for the entire week as we are unable to offer single day registrations due to COVID-19 cohort requirements. Registration will open February 18 for residents and February 24 for non-residents.
- 6.1.5. Winter swim lessons started the week of February 1<sup>st</sup> and will go to the end of March.
- 6.1.6. Hanover Swim Club will be hosting a swim meet on March 13.

### **6.2 Parks & Recreation Facilities**

- 6.2.1. Hanover Minor Hockey tournaments - U9 tournament Saturday, February 5 and U7 tournament Sunday, February 20.
- 6.2.2. Summer student recruitment – recruiting for 5 positions this season. 2 horticulture and 3 for parks.
- 6.2.3. Waterslide – Service technician from Acapulco Pools was here on February 1<sup>st</sup> to complete our annual waterslide inspection. This is the first step in acquiring our permit to operate a waterslide.
- 6.2.4. Work task plan has been drafted and includes our 2022 operational projects, playground inspection related work, trails and bridge work.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Committee member commented on the slice of ice promotion and the positive feedback it has been receiving.
- 7.2 Committee member asked if the trail counter that is near 7<sup>th</sup> Street access is recording information and if we have access to it. Yes and S. Walden has followed up with staff to collect the data.
- 7.3 A conversation with a youth user group was noted and the group's respective budget projections and participant break even point. The conversation prompted the committee member to wonder if enough is being done to support our youth organizations and is there opportunity for additional support. Will consider this for future meeting agenda item.
- 7.4 Committee member inquired if a PRC Master Plan implementation update could be provided so committee could consider moving forward with other Master Plan recommendations. S. Walden noted that the significant parks input work and objectives

the committee has worked on, confirmed and are moving forward are connected to Master Plan recommendations. With other work priorities including 2022 capital projects implementation, COVID related response and initiatives (ie. BBBAS), Notice of Motion research and implementation for Outdoor Rink and Earth Day and Disc Golf initiation that patience with a Master Plan update was necessary.

8. **NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday, March 23, 2022 | 7:00 pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by K. Hopkins | Seconded by D. Metcalfe**

THAT the meeting by adjourned at 8:49pm. CARRIED.