

## PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 | 6:00pm

P & H Centre | Boardroom

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**MEMBERS PRESENT** Brandon Koebel | Carol Hudson | David Ford | Matt Bender | Keith Hopkins

**OTHERS PRESENT** Tom Karl | Laura Christen | Lyndsay Regier | Brandon Dobson

**REGRETS** Neil Simpson | Marion Massaloup | Danica Metcalfe

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

**2. DELEGATION – Nil.**

**3. ADOPTION OF September 27, 2023 PRC ADVISORY MINUTES**

**Moved by C. Hudson | Seconded by M. Bender**

THAT the minutes of the September 27, 2023 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. CARRIED.

**4. ADOPTION OF October 4, 2023 SPLASH PAD AD HOC MINUTES**

**Moved by D. Ford | Seconded by B. Dobson**

THAT the minutes of the October 4, 2023 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. CARRIED.

**5. ADOPTION OF October 10, 2023 DISC GOLF MINUTES**

**Moved by M. Bender | Seconded by C. Hudson**

THAT the minutes of the October 10, 2023 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. CARRIED.

**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1. Hanover Strategic Plan presentation – Committee members were given a presentation on the Strategic Plan that was previously presented at the Mayor’s Breakfast on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

6.2. Hanover Environics Analytics presentation – Committee members were presented with a presentation on Hanover’s Environics Analytics.

6.3. Grey County Cycling & Master Plan Preliminary Implementation – Information on Grey County’s Cycling route was shared with committee members. Information was provided in meeting package.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**7.1. Director Update**

7.1.1. 2024 Budget – Capital projects have been submitted and operation budgeting for 2024 is a current priority.

- 7.1.2. East End Trail Update – The geotechnical study has been sourced and will be the next study completed. Geotechnical will help confirm route and determine if the proposed gravel path will be ideal in this location or if boardwalk sections are needed.
- 7.1.3. SVCA Consultation – Staff are meeting with SVCA staff to provide updates on both splash pad and trail development project to ensure compliance as the projects progress.
- 7.1.4. Trail Bridge Update – Council and community update will be shared as soon as further details are confirmed.

## **7.2. Parks & Recreation Facilities**

- 7.2.1. Outdoor Facilities – The closing and winterizing of outdoor washrooms, soccer fields and ball diamonds are underway. Due to the location of our disc golf course and the impact the environment has on it the course the baskets will be removed and stored until next spring. The baskets will be removed the week of October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.2.2. Ice Requests and Bookings – As per the ice rental booking policy and agreement terms all of our regular ice users had until October 1<sup>st</sup> to return ice without penalty. Saugeen Valley Minor Hockey, Ringette, and Queens Bush Rangers gave back ice which has led to a change in our ice allocations. Initially, additional ice was offered to our regular user groups but no groups took it. Neighbouring community groups who had previously expressed interest in obtaining ice time picked it up. A copy of the 2023/2024 ice schedule was included in meeting package.

## **7.3. Aquatics & Programs**

- 7.3.1. Fall Lessons are currently at the half way point. Lesson numbers as of October 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Tuesdays | 90% full (68 of 75 spots full)
  - Wednesdays | 97% full (113 out of 116 spots full)
  - Thursdays | 93% full (104 of 111 spots full. Added additional instructor to open extra classes.)
  - Saturdays | 96% full (144 of 155 spots full)
  - 20 private lessons and 2 semi-private lessons
  - Total percentage full 94%
- 7.3.2. Working with Hanover Swim Club to offer a crash course of Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross over the Christmas break.
- 7.3.3. Planning to run an Assistant Instructors and National Lifeguard courses in the winter. Will also be including a new Pool Attendant and Pre NL-course in the winter. This course will prepare candidates to take their NL and any LIT staff who have successfully completed this course will be qualified to guard our wading pool.
- 7.3.4. Area schools have started to book day time pool times for gym classes and Swim to Survive programs. Currently have 4 schools booked in for the winter and we have successfully secured 1 school booking for the spring.
- 7.3.5. Utilizing funding from the successful Senior Community Grant 2023, staff and the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee are developing an Age-Friendly Business Recognition Program with an E-Learning Video Course.

7.3.6. There will be 2 new programs for Winter 2024.

- 55+ Gentle Fitness Class – This 55+ fitness program is designed to challenge your balance, coordination and improve overall strength. This class is designed and open for all fitness levels. January 10 to February 14 | Wednesdays | 9:30 – 10:30am | Lions Den | \$70.37 per session.
- Intro to Hockey – For first-time players between the ages of 6-12 years old. This program is a low cost, low commitment introduction to the sport and will help develop the skills of the game through play and fun games and is recommended for non-registered minor hockey players. January 8 to March 4 | Mondays | 4:00 – 4:50pm | Ice | \$123.50 per session.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1. Committee member inquired about the staff wages.

8.2. Committee member inquired about the Aquatic programming schedule.

8.3. Two committee members walked the trail switchback and noted that there is maintenance to be completed. Staff confirmed that this section of the trail has not been assumed by the municipality and the developer has been contacted about the maintenance required on the trail.

## **9. NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, November 22, 2023 | 6:00pm**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by D. Ford | Seconded by B. Koebel**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:30pm. CARRIED.