

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 | 6:00pm
P & H Centre | Boardroom

MEMBERS PRESENT Brandon Koebel | Carol Hudson | David Ford | Matt Bender | Marion Massaloup | Danica Metcalfe | Neil Simpson (arrived at 6:25pm) | Keith Hopkins

OTHERS PRESENT Tom Karl | Laura Christen | Lyndsay Regier

1. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** – Nil
2. **DELEGATION** - Nil
3. **ADOPTION OF THE November 22, 2023 PRC ADVISORY MINUTES**
Moved by M. Massaloup | Seconded by M. Bender
THAT the minutes of the November 22, 2023 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. CARRIED.
4. **ADOPTION OF THE December 6, 2023 SPLASH PAD AD HOC MINUTES**
Moved by D. Metcalfe | Seconded by M. Bender
THAT the minutes of the December 6, 2023 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. CARRIED.
5. **ADOPTION OF THE January 3, 2024 SPLASH PAD AD HOC MINUTES**
Moved by D. Ford | Seconded by M. Bender
THAT the minutes of the January 3, 2024 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. CARRIED.
6. **STAFF REPORTS**
 - 6.1 **Director Update**
 - 6.1.1. 2024 Budget | Capital and Operating 2024 Budget has entered the Council Review stage. Staff have been directed to look for further areas of reduction. Further details provided in package under item #7.1: Report DCS-02-24.
 - 6.1.2. East End Trail Update | Staff continue to work with Saugeen Valley to meet requirements due to close proximity of the trail to the water course's north bank.
 - 6.1.3. P&H Centre Boiler Project | The tender for the P&H Centre Boiler project has closed and has come in over budget, a report will be coming forward to Council as well as discussions in upcoming budget meetings.
 - 6.1.4. Splash Pad Project | The geotechnical and soil analysis study has been completed. Results are forthcoming.

- 6.1.5. Trail Bridge Update | Bridge 1 has the excavation works complete, helical piles installed, abutments formed and rebar tied.

Bridge 2 is in the process of having excavation works completed. All helical piles are installed. The south abutment is formed and rebar tied,

Bridge 3 is currently being used for access to Bridge 4. Therefore, no substantial works have been completed on Bridge 3 to date.

Bridge 4 removals of the timber bridge spans are complete and the bridge has been lifted off the original timber piers. Excavation works are still in progress, but are nearly completed.

- 6.1.6. Legion Bob Steers Park | Park N Water has communicated the playground equipment installation will be scheduled as their first project in the spring.

6.2 Parks & Recreation Facilities

- 6.2.1. Outdoor Ice Rink | Located at the Kinsmen Ball Park. On January 16 the base was setup and the ice building began. Opened the rink on January 23.

- 6.2.2. Summer staff hiring | Job postings for Seasonal Horticultural Attendant and 5 summer student staff been externally posted.

- 6.2.3. Ice Resurfacers | Expected to be delivered between January 29 and February 2.

- 6.2.4. Saugeen Valley Minor Hockey has a U7 tournament scheduled for February 24 at the P & H Centre.

6.3 Aquatics & Programs

- 6.3.1. Winter Programming is underway with some great changes/additions.

Chair Yoga now runs twice a week due to max enrollment numbers and growing waitlists when running once a week. There are 34 participants enrolled.

New Program-Gentle Fitness 55+ is at max enrollment of 15 participants and has been well received.

New Program- Intro to Hockey has 14 participants aged 6-12 learning the basics of hockey. Staff have received tremendous feedback from parents and participants on the program and its benefits.

Additionally, regular programs such as Carpet Bowling (Drop-in), Standing Yoga (17 Registrants), Huff n' Puff Hockey (Drop-in) and public skates (Drop-In) continue.

- 6.3.2. Camps | Christmas Break Camp ran January 2 to 5, 2024 and had between 11 and 16 registrants over the week. The next PA Day Camp is February 2, 2024. Summer camp job postings have been posted and applications are being accepted until 4:00pm on February 9, 2024.

6.3.3. Seniors/Age-Friendly

Staff hosted a Seniors Fun Day Christmas Social on December 19, 2023 and had 31 participants pre-registered and another 11 attended the day of for a total of 42 participants. The afternoon included lunch, prizes and carpet bowling. The event was funded by the Seniors Community Grant which was put forward by Brockton on behalf of District 27- Ontario Senior Games Association.

Staff are beginning to work on planning Hanover Local Senior Games and District 27 OSGA Games.

The Age-Friendly Business Recognition Program is in the final review and approval stages before it is launched. This program is developed to help local businesses assess identify, promote and improve their Age-Friendly features with the help of the Age-Friendly Resource Guide, the Age-Friendly E-Learning Video and self-assessment checklist.

6.3.4. Family Day | Family Day events are scheduled for February 19, 2024 between 11:00am and 3:00pm at the P&H Centre. The day will include 2 public swims, 2 public skates, face painting, balloon twisting, games, crafts & family style bingo with council. All activities are free for families to participate in. Food will be available for purchase from the concession stand.

6.3.5. Winter swim lessons have started
Mondays | 100% full (Low ratio lessons offering 2 classes 5:00-5:30)
Tuesdays | 95% full + 2 private lessons (58 out of 61 spots full)
Wednesdays | 90% full + 3 private and 1 semi-private lessons (98 out of 108 spots full)
Thursdays | 90% full + 1 semi-private lesson (69 of 76 spots full).
Saturdays | 85% full + 3 private lessons (127 of 149 spots full)

6.3.6. Advanced Courses | We have updated the way we deliver advanced courses. Now offered as weekend courses over 2 weekends. The prior structure was offer 2 - 3 hours a week for 10 weeks.

6.3.7. Pool Attendant advance course canceled due to low enrollment

6.3.8. Christmas break Bronze Medallion and Cross were held in partnership with Hanover Swim Club. The courses were also offered to the general public for registration.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 DCS-02-24 Council Report - Committee members provided input and comments relating to the 2024 possible budget saving list.

8. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION | DISCUSSION

8.1 Town of Hanover Strategic Plan review 2023-2027 | Committee members reviewed the Strat plan and discussed the PRC related projects.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 Committee member inquired if the arena floor could be rented out during the summer in the evenings. Staff identified the challenge with Summer camp operations, and directed the user to contact staff to discuss alternatives.
- 9.2 Committee member felt there was good communication regarding the trail bridges project. Would like to see this continue moving forward.
- 9.3 Committee member inquired if there would be any interest in starting a committee for 'Friends of the Park' as a volunteer opportunity to enhance and preserve Hanover Park.
- 9.4 Committee member has had comments shared with them from the public that they would like to see Town Park pavilion updated.
- 9.5 Inquired if you could purchase more than 10 or 20 visit passes online. Staff confirmed, the public should be able to purchase more than a 10 or 20 visit pass online as long as their current pass is empty.
- 9.6 Committee member inquired why the wading pool is closed during the 11:30 – 1:00pm lane swim. The wading pool is closed during the 11:30 – 1:00pm lane swim due to available staffing ratios.
- 9.7 Committee member inquired if we can get more details and a timeline from Grey County relating to the active transportation section identified in the Strat plan.

10. **NEXT MEETING** - February 28, 2024 @ 6pm (Next regular meeting)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by N. Simpson | Seconded by C. Hudson
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:40pm. CARRIED.