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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 23, 2024 | 6:00pm  
P & H Centre | Boardroom

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**      Brandon Koebel | Carol Hudson | Marion Massaloup | Keith Hopkins | Danica Metcalfe | David Ford | Matt Bender

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

**REGRETS**                  Neil Simpson

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

**2. DELEGATION – Nil.**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE April 24, 2024 PRC ADVISORY MINUTES**

**Moved by D. Metcalfe | Seconded by M. Massaloup**

THAT the minutes of the April 24, 2024 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. **CARRIED.**

**4. ADOPTION OF THE May 1, 2024 SPLASH PAD AD HOC MINUTES**

**Moved by D. Metcalfe | Seconded by M. Massaloup**

THAT the minutes of the May 1, 2024 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. **CARRIED.**

4.1 Splash Pad project update – An update was provided to committee members regarding the washrooms, water drainage options and tender applications.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**5.1 Director Update**

5.1.1.      East End Trail Update | The project engineer has been directed to complete the required construction drawings.

As required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, the Saugeen Cedar West trail extension and signage report was presented to the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for feedback.

5.1.2.      Build Back Better Assistance Program | Hanover Minor Ball and Hanover Minor Soccer renewal applications were reviewed and approval was granted for the 2024 season.

5.1.3.      Inclusive Community Grant | An application has been submitted for the camper's washrooms at Hanover Town Park to seek funding to

renovate the existing non-accessible washroom into a fully accessible washroom complete with accessible concrete approach.

5.1.4. Trail Bridge Update | Currently working with contractor to complete items identified on deficiency list. Such as:

- Clean up debris and garbage located throughout area
- Reset entrance gates, signs and garbage cans
- Add limestone screenings, compact and grade (length of trail). General care is needed along the entire length, but the Town as noted specific locations.
- Re-grade parking lot to provide positive drainage
- Clean debris off of approach railings/main railings and deck

## 5.2 Parks & Recreation Facilities

5.2.1. Barons Update – Barons moved into the Schmaltz semi finals to take on Clarington Eagles. The Eagles claimed victory over the Barons in game 6.

5.2.2. Arena & Ice – May 6 was the last day of ice bookings. Ice was removal completed by Wednesday, May 8.

5.2.3. Disc Golf – Course opened May 10 for the 2024 season.

5.2.4. Soccer – Fields were ready and available for May 13 for the 2024 season.

5.2.5. Ball Diamonds – Diamonds were ready and available for May 16. This was delayed from our anticipated opening date of Monday, May 13 due to weather and surface conditions.

5.2.6. Community Trail – A section of trail from soccer Rail Lands to behind Exceldor has been re-graded and re-surfaced with surface material.

5.2.7. Rotary Dog Park – The Hanover Rotary Club is installing a 11' x 13' gazebo to provide shade to users. The structure will be constructed the weekend of May 25-26 and a concrete pad will be added later this summer.

5.2.8. Coming events – May 25 & 26 | Home & Garden Show, May 25 | Swim Club will be hosting a swim meet, June 1 | Eat Well Market starts at Heritage Square, June 6-8 | Kerry Moore School of Dance performance on the arena floor and June 16 | Lions Club Duck Race at the Town Park.

## 5.3 Aquatics & Programs

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- 5.3.1. Summer Camps – Registration is ongoing. 81% of camp spots are filled.
- 5.3.2. Senior Games – Local Senior games have wrapped up. Had 131 participants with the local games.
- 5.3.3. District Senior Games – 6-Hand Bid Euchre was held at the P & H Centre with 42 registrants.
- 5.3.4. Canada Day – 2024 will include a free swim, musical entertainment and the popular children’s carnival at Heritage Square.

### **Aquatics**

- 5.3.5. Spring Swim Lessons – Lessons are wrapping up and we will implement an online survey that can be accessed with a QR code attached to report cards to gather valuable feedback from parents. Survey results will be shared at a later meeting.
- 5.3.6. Currently accepting bookings from local schools to complete the Swim to Survive program.
- 5.3.7. Summer lessons registration opens for Hanover resident on May 16 and May 23 for non-residents.
- 5.3.8. Currently hiring for daytime lifeguard position for the fall.

## **6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Blythe Ball League news article – Article shared with committee members.

## **7. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION | DISCUSSION**

- 7.1 Labyrinth of Distinction 2024 | 4 Induction nominations
  - 7.1.1. Confidential voting occurred as per the selection policy and procedure.

**Moved by B. Koebel | Seconded by M. Bender**

THAT Town of Hanover PRC Advisory Committee recommend the inductee to Council for their consideration. **CARRIED.**

- 7.2 Community information Session | June 10 – Committee members reviewed content to be shared at the meeting.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Committee member shared comments from user groups relating to spring ball diamond conditions. Facility Manager and staff are in the process of investigating the drainage issues at Kinsmen Ball Park.

8.2 Committee member shared that they have heard positive comments about the trail bridges opening up.

8.3 Committee member inquired about the green space at 16th Ave & 17th Ave and what is happening with the land.

**9. NEXT MEETING – June 26, 2024 @ 6pm (Next regular meeting)**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by D. Ford | Seconded by D. Metcalfe.**

**THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm. CARRIED.**