

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 | 6:00pm

P & H Centre | Boardroom

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

OTHERS PRESENT Laura Christen | Lyndsay Regier | Kristina Zimmer | Marilyn Grubb

REGRETS Neil Simpson | Danica Metcalfe

1. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** – Nil.
2. **DELEGATION** – Marilyn Grubb from the Hanover & District Skating Club gave a presentation to the committee members regarding the club's successes, growth, challenges and needs.
3. **ADOPTION OF THE May 22, 2024 PRC ADVISORY MINUTES**
Moved by B. Koebel | Seconded by D. Ford
THAT the minutes of the May 22, 2024 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. **CARRIED.**
4. **ADOPTION OF THE June 5, 2024 SPLASH PAD AD HOC MINUTES**
Moved by D. Ford | Seconded by M. Bender
THAT the minutes of the June 5, 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 fundraising process and how much has been raised to date.
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.
 - 5.1.2. Trail Bridges – Deficiency work has been completed. Grand re-opening is scheduled on June 24th at 6pm at the trail entrance off of Concession 2.
 - 5.1.3. Henry & Barb Lansink will officially be inducted to the Labyrinth of Distinction on Monday July 1 as part of the Canada Day 2024 celebration at Heritage Square.
 - 5.2 **Parks & Recreation Facilities**
 - 5.2.1. Boiler Replacement Project Update – Contractor has begun the install of the double doors on the south wall of the boiler room. This will be the access used to remove the existing boilers and bring in the new ones.

- 5.2.2. Kinsmen Parkette/Playground - Spring ground water drainage issues. During an investigation it was noted the 6" drainage tile that runs though the park was compromised. The section of the tile was replaced and things are back to normal.
- 5.2.3. Kinsmen & 4th Street Crescent Playground(s) – The picnic tables that were included in the new playground equipment (1 in each park) will be replaced the week of June 24. They were both deemed under warranty and the original installer is willing to complete the work.
- 5.2.4. Arena Floor – June 22 West Grey Minor Lacrosse hosted a one-day Paperweight (5-6 years old) tournament on the arena floor. Hosting teams from Guelph, Arthur, Centre Wellington and Owen Sound.
- 5.2.5. Annual Planters – Week of June 4, annual flower planters went out. Daily watering commenced on June 5.
- 5.2.6. Coming Events – July 1st Canada Day celebrations at the Heritage Square at 11:00am and July 13 & 27 Music in the Square in conjunction with the Eatwell Market at the Heritage Square from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

5.3 Aquatics & Programs

Programs

- 5.3.1. Summer Camps – First week of camp July 2. Registration is ongoing. Only 4 spots remaining in Hanover Kids Camp for the summer. Still room in some specialty camps.
- 5.3.2. Canada Day – Free swim from 10:30 – 11:30am at the HRAC. Canada Day events at the Heritage Square | 11:00am – 2:30pm includes: bingo, cookie decorating, cupcakes, face painting, balloon twisting, BBQ, Lantz Kettlecorn, Free Yoga class 11:00 – 12:00pm, Free Latin Fitness & Salsa class 12:30 – 1:30pm, Dragon Breath Entertainment, Performers 11:00 – 2:30pm, Information booths by Hanover Library, HBBAS and Splash Pad and volunteers from the Barons hockey team.

Aquatics

- 5.3.3. Spring lessons had 450 people registered. There were 542 spots available plus 20 private lesson spots. Of the 450 people registered 142 were residents of Hanover and 308 were non-residents. Wednesday low ratio lessons were a success. Will try again in the Fall.
- 5.3.4. Summer lessons are ongoing. People seem to like the 2-week format compared to the 8 weeks in the summer. A program survey will be sent out to participants at the end of the lessons.
- 5.3.5. Advanced Courses – Offering Bronze Star and Medallion this summer. Registration is ongoing. Only 3 enrolled in Bronze Star and 1 in Bronze Medallion. Need 10 registered in each program to run.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 6.1 Update on land at 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue – Committee members were provided an update on the greenspace declared surplus. A reclassification to residential is planned in the 2024 Official Plan update.

7. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION | DISCUSSION

- 7.1 Community Information Session | June 10 | Debrief – Committee members provided feedback regarding the information night. Recommended to do more advertising before event to draw people event.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 Committee member inquired about the bench at Concession 2 trail entrance and if it can be fixed or replaced. Manager of Parks & Recreation Facilities is aware of the bench and it is being fixed.
- 8.2 Committee member shared that there is graffiti on one of the Kinsmen playground equipment. Manager of Parks & Recreation Facilities will have staff address the graffiti.
- 8.3 Committee member shared about the yoga in Heritage Square and how there were lots of attendees at the first class. The yoga classes are free.
- 8.4 Committee member visited the new Lamont Sports Park in Port Elgin. Committee member was very impressed with the project.

9. NEXT MEETING – July 24, 2024 at 6pm (Next regular meeting)

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Bender | Seconded by M. Massaloup.
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:25pm. CARRIED.