



**RECREATION WORKING GROUP**

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 6:30 PM  
Municipal Office – Fall River Room – 217 Harper Road

**Members Present:** Acting Chair, Jan Rawling  
Lisa Lemieux-Beaudoin  
Ian MacDonald  
Connie Willows

**Staff Present:** Amanda Mabo, Clerk  
Joanne Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Chair, Deputy Reeve, Susan Freeman  
Sue McPhee  
Linda MacDonald

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.  
A quorum was present.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest at this time.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**i) Minutes – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

The minutes of the Recreation Working Group Meeting held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved as presented.

**5. PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS**

None.

## 6. PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS

- i) **Accessibility Planning for Recreation Programs (update).**
  - ongoing
  - S. Freeman to provide update at the next meeting
- ii) **Parental Code of Conduct (update) – deferred to the next meeting.**  
Deputy Reeve Susan Freeman.
- iii) **2010 Parks & Recreation Ontario (Update).**  
Lisa Lemieux-Beaudoin.
  - J. Rawling provided the Clerk background information on last year's conference with respect to the types of events held, seminars/speakers, etc.
  - she stated that a presentation has been given to Council by the attendees (Jan, Linda and Connie) upon their return

## 7. ONGOING MATTERS

### i) **Program Updates.**

#### a) **Review of Baseball & Soccer Seasons.**

##### Baseball

- Fallbrook season very successful overall
- tournament participation was down from previous year
- coordinator needed for Burgess and players in this area need to be encouraged to come out next year as it was cancelled in 2011
- it was suggested that John Noonan be contacted as he may be interested in coaching next season

##### Soccer

- soccer also had a successful season
- overview of program setup (grouped according to age groups vs. teams, etc.) provided to the Clerk
- need for more coaches as obtaining volunteers for this role was always a challenge
- the Clerk informed members she may be able to provide them with some names to contact
- Darren Tyler who coached this year was well liked by parents
- more pinnies needed
- dealing with shirt sign-out an issue that needs to be addressed in order to come up with a better method; J. Rawling suggested assigning shirts ahead of time as a possible solution
- need for more medium and larger size balls
- need for more soccer nets for next season

- it was also suggested that the high schools be contacted to inform students that coaching opportunities are available which they can use as hours towards their community service hours
- L. Lemieux-Beaudoin stated she had some new ideas for next year's end of season party
- L. Lemieux-Beaudoin asked if anything came out of the Strategic Planning sessions regarding Recreation and was informed there had not been; however, further sessions will take place in the early part of next year to catch permanent residents and obtain their input rather than just the seasonal residents

Action:

J. Rawling and L. Lemieux-Beaudoin to come ½ hour before next meeting to sort out soccer shirts

Action:

Staff to draft a one page poster to recruit high school students to coach baseball and soccer next year.

**b) Preparation for Upcoming Hockey Season.**

- J. Rawling stated that there were quite a few jerseys outstanding from last year
- the Clerk suggested adding a deposit to the registration form might be an alternative way to approach this problem as people wishing to keep them could do so or at the end of the season when the shirt is returned they receive their deposit back
- J. Rawling informed members that eighty-eight registrations were needed to cover program costs
- the Clerk suggested calling last year's registrants as a reminder and way of trying to get numbers up
- J. Rawling informed members that ice costs had likely gone up but has had no call-back from Lanark Highlands regarding the rates
- the Clerk stated that the information could be found on the Lanark Highlands website
- J. Rawling has ordered new extra small and XL jerseys at Pierre's request
- Pierre is going to donate pucks.
- overall numbers of pinnies need to be assessed, more are needed for hockey as well as soccer

Action:

J. Gallagher to check on availability of ice on 25<sup>th</sup> March as typically figure skating has this timeslot and to see if the ice can be held until the 1<sup>st</sup> of April so that figure skating can have their end of season as well

Action:

At another meeting, discuss the process for tracking, handing out and retrieving jerseys.

Action:

J. Rawling and L. L. Lemieux-Beaudoin to come ½ hour before next meeting to sort out pinnies.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### i) Ideas for volunteer recruitment & new recreation opportunity ideas.

- it was suggested that high school or college students could be approached to assist in several areas next year such as dealing with the shirt sign-out or sending our email notifications to registrants
- also what types of activities the students could help co-ordinate
- notification could be sent to all schools/colleges early in the year
- advertisements could be placed in local papers
- students could plan activities for summer camps and run them with a Recreation Member coordinating the overall program
  
- discussion took place on associations that could be approached for grants in order to pay university students to assist in programs such as: Lung Association, Heart & Stroke. It was also suggested to look into a Canadian Heritage Grant as a possibility.

Action:

- Staff to research possible sources for grants and bring to next meeting.

Suggestions for other types of activities included:

- programs for older residents and more emphasis on other age groups as currently programs are youth oriented
- need for a central facility which would be useful in hosting different types of activities covering broader age demographic
- poker night or casino night for those over 18 years of age
- game night
- trivia night
  
- the Clerk asked if a survey had ever been conducted to obtain public feedback and she was informed by members that there had been one a few years ago

- I. MacDonald stated he had been approached by several of his contacts regarding archery lessons and would be following up with one gentleman. He asked if members would be interested in being given a presentation on this if he could get this man to attend and members indicated they would. It was noted that this program could run during the winter months as an alternative to figure skating/hockey. It was suggested that classes could possibly be held in the Glen Tay school gym. J. Rawling stated that I. MacDonald check into such things as the number of children that could be accommodated per class, fee structure, equipment needs, etc.
- hosting "movie nights" was another suggestion as this could be done late in the season or even indoors
- sailing lessons was suggested
- Terry Kitner's name was provided as a contact to check with as he currently offered lessons on Dalhousie Lake

Action:

- Recreation Members to bring ideas for further activities to next meeting.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Recreation Members brought up the need to host a "Volunteer Appreciation Night" to be held at the Township Office. This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. It was suggested that special invitations could be made up for the event.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm

Next Meeting:

- Review 2012 Recreation Newsletter
- Archery Follow-Up
- Activity Ideas
- Grant Opportunities
- Volunteer Appreciation

Future Meeting:

- Recreation Survey
- Tracking, Handing Out and Retrieving Jerseys

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Working Group adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Clerk