

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
February 21, 2023
6:10 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Councillor Lafreniere, Chair
Mayor Gervais
Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Councillor Jacyno
Councillor Kuehl
Councillor Purcell

Regrets:

Councillor Plummer

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Angela Siebarth, Economic Development Officer
Jordan Durocher, Director of Parks & Recreation
Nancy Rapin, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest disclosed.

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the agenda of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting of February 21, 2023, be accepted as circulated.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

- Parks & Recreation Committee – January 17, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting of January 17, 2023, be accepted as circulated.

Carried

5. Delegation

a. Affordable Housing Alliance of the Ottawa Valley (AHAOV)

Mr. Unrau introduced Mr. Ish Theilheimer, AHAOV Committee Chair, and Ms. Cameron Montgomery, Steering Committee member, who were in attendance to present a brief overview of the group, its accomplishments and future plans, speaking to the urgency of affordable housing in the County of Renfrew. The following points were raised:

- Subject is emotionally charged
- “Affordable” housing is a problem for full-time working people as well as unemployed alike
- Separate issue from social housing
- Some people have had to relocate out of the County to find housing
- Short-term solution could be working with the Sparrow Project which is funded by CMHC - could be considered by the City for a solution
- Sparrow Program identifies homeowners with existing rentals and/or accessory dwellings and does extensive research to match people up to fit the lifestyle of all involved and ultimately mitigates risks that may happen otherwise
- Rapid-Housing Initiative would be a medium-term solution, CHMC would help with funding
- Rural Innovation Housing Pilot would be a long-term solution, working with a project coordinator
- All about partnerships and innovation
- Homelessness and affordable housing are very common issues across the County
- What is “affordable housing”? How is it defined?
- City should look at the Sparrow Program – would be win/win situation for the City
- Possibly investigate a “reduced tax class” option
- Staff will review options and initiatives and come back with a report to Committee

The Chair and Committee thanked Mr. Theilheimer and Ms. Montgomery for attending.

6. New Business

a. CIP Request – 157 Pembroke Street West

Ms. Siebarth presented the report. The following points were raised:

- All eligibility requirements should be met before the application comes before Committee to grant funding
- Having a caveat in condition ensures conditions will be met
- Applicant has moved downtown forward greatly

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the Parks & Recreation Committee refer this application back to the Community Improvement Panel until taxes are paid and all eligibility requirements are satisfied.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah requested a requested a recorded vote.

Yea: Councillors Jacyno, Kuehl, Lafreniere, Purcell

Nea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Mayor Gervais

Carried

b. CIP Request – 141 Lake Street
Ms. Siebarth presented the report.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the Parks & Recreation Committee refer this application back to Community Improvement Panel until the open building permit has been closed and all eligibility requirements are satisfied.

Carried

c. Pembroke Marina Rate Review

Mr. Durocher presented the report. A discussion was held and the following points were raised:

- Fees By-law should be reviewed with wording to include automatic CPI increases
- Rate review will be underway this year

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the Parks & Recreation Committee approve amendment to By-law 2022-43, Schedule D Recreation and Facility Fees – Marina Rates of 6.4% commencing for the 2023 season; and that By-law 2022-43 Schedule D Recreation and Facility Fees – Marina Rates be adjusted automatically on a yearly basis and in-line with inflationary Consumer Price Index (CPI) rates, established by the Treasury Department, as presented.

Carried

d. Request for Use of Space – Krista Johnson Memorial Run Change

Mr. Durocher presented the report.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the Parks & Recreation Committee approve the use of green space for Krista Johnson Memorial Run for Change on June 10th and 11th, 2023 at Riverside Park, as presented.

Carried

e. Bass Fishing Derby – Greater Petawawa Civitan Club Request

Mr. Durocher presented the report.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the Parks & Recreation Committee approve the request from the Greater Petawawa Civitan Club for the use of space at Centenary Park and any other fees associated for their annual fishing derby on August 12, 2023, as presented.

Carried

f. Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games Sponsorship Request

Mr. Durocher presented the report.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Mayor Gervais

That the Parks & Recreation Committee sponsor the Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games \$500 to be allocated from the Community Program/Event Support budget.

Carried

g. Request for Addition to the Pembroke & Area Community Centre (PACC)

Mr. Durocher presented the report. The following points were raised:

- This event is very important event for the City
- Brings in much revenue locally
- Thank you to Norbert Chaput, Silver Stick Committee, organizers and volunteers

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the Parks & Recreation Committee approve the addition of a covered entry for the south side entrance of the Pembroke & Area Community Centre (PACC) through the Pembroke Regional Terry O'Neill Silver Stick Committee, as presented.

Carried

h. Request for Road Closure

Mr. Durocher presented the report.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the Parks & Recreation Committee approve the request from the 2nd Annual Heroes Run for Health Care for a road closure on Saturday, May 6th from 7:00 a.m. to noon with the use of barricades supplied by the Operations Department to assist in the separation of the runner and traffic, as presented.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the February 21, 2023, meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Carried