

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
May 16, 2023
7:55 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That the agenda of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting of May 16, 2023, be accepted as circulated.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

- Parks & Recreation Committee – April 18, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting of April 18, 2023, be accepted as circulated.

Carried

5. New Business

- a. Riverside Drive Park's Scoreboard Sponsorship

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

- Donated scoreboard will remain same size
- Translucent white LED digital for visually impaired
- Thank you to Bogie's Bar and volunteers for supporting the resident of the City on numerous occasions
- Encouraging anyone interested in sponsoring should speak to Parks & Recreation Department

b. Little League Ontario Senior Provincial

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

- There are aging assets at Riverside Park that need to be managed as a priority
- Private sponsorship should be looked at by organizations prior to requesting assisting from the City - need to be careful as to what fees we waive
- Upper Ottawa Valley Little League includes Pembroke, Laurentian Valley and local area
- Destination event that will bring visitors into City – contributes to economic development

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the Parks & Recreation Committee approve the fee waiver request for the upcoming Little League Ontario Senior Provincial Baseball Tournament from July 6-10, 2023 at Riverside Park, as presented.

Carried

c. Pembroke and Area Fiddling Association – Use of Riverside Park

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

- Great that this event is coming back
- Festival Hall will be used instead of PMC - will have better sound and new seats
- Focused at Riverside Park
- If event brings in money, why can't it pay for itself
- Hotels and motels have traditionally been at capacity because of this event– brings much into the City
- City isn't hosting but benefits from the event for a small contribution

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the Parks & Recreation Committee approve the use of Riverside Park for the annual Pembroke Fiddle and Step Dancing Contest in the amount of \$6,500.00, as presented.

Carried

d. Permanent Pickleball Courts at Kinsmen Park

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

- Excellent opportunity for youth and adults

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the Parks & Recreation Committee approve a permanent pickleball net be erected at the Kinsmen Park multi-purpose court; and that staff develop an agreement that satisfies both the programming needs of the Pembroke Pickleball Club and the Parks & Recreation Department; and

that staff to bring forth a report for the Pembroke Pickleball Club to enter into an agreement with the City of Pembroke for a Permanent Pickleball Court at Kinsmen Park, as presented.

Carried

e. Church Street Party Road Closure

Mr. Durocher indicated that the applicant has withdrawn the request.

6. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the May 13, 2023, meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee adjourn at 8:17p.m.

Carried