

RECREATION, CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 12:00 noon

Council Chambers

Members Present: Councillor Jackie Dube (Chair)
Councillor Tony McCormick
Councillor Vic Beland
Darren Ottaway, Chief Administrative Officer
Diane Butterworth, Recreation Co-Ordinator
Vangie Wiseman, Tourism Centre Co-Coordinator
Lisa Brown, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Duane Didow, Recreation Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Dube called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Recreation Directors Month End Report

D. Butterworth, Acting Manager of Recreation, Culture, and Heritage made a verbal presentation of the written report for the month of January/February. The following points were highlighted:

- Draft of Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee
- Mountain Biking
- Community Trails
- Open House
- Exchange Students from Ontario
- Job Interviews
- Operations
- Aquatics
- Maintenance
- Administration
- Maintenance
- Meetings
- Facility Renovations

D. Butterworth told the Committee that she and T. Wignes are taking the Park City, Utah tour. This information tour will be at no cost to the Town. She said most of the comments at the Open House were positive, with several inquiries about the Community Trails and Multi-Use facility.

Councillor Dube asked if a congratulatory letter has been sent to M. Rymer for her successful completion of the training she was taking, and asked that this please be acknowledged. D. Butterworth explained that she is waiting until M. Rymer completes the last practicum.

D. Ottaway told the Committee that he and D. Butterworth have selected applicants to interview for the Supervisor of Programming and the Programmer positions. He said that while D. Didow, Director of Recreation is on a leave of absence, D. Butterworth will be the acting Director.

3.2 Tourism Centre Managers Month End Report

V. Wiseman, Coordinator of the Tourism Centre, gave a verbal overview of her written report. The following points were highlighted:

- Open House
- Aboriginal Sensitivity training
- Inventory
- Tourism Packages
- Roof leaking
- Palette Pals
- Visitors
- Meetings Attended
- Grande Cache Coal Agreement for access to dinosaur tracks
- Death Race supplies
- Meeting with Encana, re: Bird's Eye View Park

D. Ottaway told the Committee that the Centre will be closed on February 18 and 19 while V. Wiseman and P. Weber are attending the Gift Show in Edmonton.

Councillor Dube commended and thanked the staff at the Centre for their efforts in setting up for the Open House.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Report from Renee Fehr, re: Visit from Jacqueline Guest

Information item.

4.2 Proposal for Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (GCMYAC)

D. Ottaway explained that the Organizational By-Law has a section for Council to

appoint a youth representative. The By-Law states that the appointed youth may attend meetings and participate in discussions, but have no voting privileges. Councillor Beland asked if twenty youth would be attending meetings. D. Butterworth explained that there will be ten adult members and ten youth members. The Committee will select one youth member to participate at the Council level.

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

4.3 Recreation Centre Concession Complaint

Councillor Beland told the Committee he had been informed that the washrooms in Recreation Centre were locked during lunch. D. Butterworth said that the washrooms were being locked in the mornings, as several students were loitering and stashing drugs in there. The staff unlocks the doors during lunch, as the lunch program is held in that area. D. Butterworth asked why the complaint wasn't directed to her department, and suggested that such issues be brought to their department to deal directly with any problems.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Pool Lab Results

Information item.

5.2 Issue Sheet - Skateboard Park

D. Ottaway gave a verbal overview of the Issue Sheet, and make the following recommendations:

- 1) Council includes \$180,000 in the 2007 Recreation Interim Operating Budget, as well as including \$180,000 in Revenue.
- 2) The Skateboard Park Committee repays the total cost of the project to the Town.
- 3) If fundraising falls short, the 'components' of the park be scaled back to reflect the actual revenue raised by the Committee.
- 4) Council formally approves the location of the Park as north of the soccer pitch and south of the daycare.
- 5) Council includes the Skateboard Park as part of a larger 'central park' design located at the Akasaka Centre.
- 6) Council further reduces costs by providing 'in-kind' support of the pad surface preparation, including the required excavation and dirt and vegetation removal (this would be coordinated with Brand X Ramps).

Councillor Dube asked would happen if the Committee is unable to raise the entire amount. Councillor McCormick said that the Town should contribute to some of the costs, as it is part of the Town park spaces. D. Ottaway said the Town will provide the pad as services in kind, which will reduce some of the costs. Councillor McCormick asked if any CFEP grants have been applied for to cover some of the costs of the project. D. Butterworth said she is not familiar with this program, but will look into it further. Councillor Dube asked if the Recreation Department is available to assist in completing an application. D. Ottaway said that they would be able to help and provide their expertise.

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION

Councillor Dube told the Committee that the ELITE program has provided another quarter pipe for the existing skateboard area.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the committee will be held Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 12:00 noon in Council Chambers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.