



COMMITTEE REPORT

PARKS AND RECREATION

DATE: June 15, 2022

Record of Attendance: Councillor Holly Hyslop (Chair), Councillor Darren MacKenzie (Vice-Chair), Councillor Pat Septon, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Johnston, Dan Martin, and Danica Godin (Summer Student)

Absent: Emily Gregory

Minutes taken by Sherri Johnston

Mapping Vacant Land

- Councillor MacKenzie took some arial photos of a few parcels of property. He will take more before the next meeting and send them to the committee to determine if they would be appropriate for any future projects. Councillor Hyslop was speaking with Kent Kuhn about trails in swampy areas. He said other municipalities have snowmobile trails in swampy areas which weren't an issue although they may take longer to freeze.

Continuation of Community Planning

- Hanwell Days: The Asst. Clerk will ask Emily to contact the geocachers to see how many people attended the event. Turn out for Terry Ferris was low. Fireworks were postponed due to weather. The breakfast did not go ahead as only 4 tables registered. Need to find ways to up attendance to events.
- Adult Gym Info Sessions: Councillor MacKenzie and Danica will look at videoing some sessions.
- ParticipACTION Challenge: This is going great, and we are currently sitting at 23, up from 28.
- Parks & Rec Month (June): Due to lack of volunteers it was decided to hold this BBQ in conjunction with the grand opening of the Ralph Gorman Park or the grand opening of the Bench Fit.
- Mayor's Awards: This will be happening this year. Emily and Danica will work on getting the word out.
- Baby & Me Summer Program: First baby and me will start on June 22. It will be held by-weekly and there is an activity planned for every one.
- Scotty and the Stars will be at Hanwell Place on July 23 at 2pm.



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- Summer Concerts/Socials: Strawberry and Blueberry Socials are organized, and entertainment has been set. Back to Basics and Frantically Atlantic will be the entertainment for this year.
- Terry Fox Walk: Staff is still trying to reach someone to see if they want to hold it on Hanwell Trails again.
- Nature NB: will be hosting an information session 6pm on June 27th, July 26th, and August 23rd . The first one will be about insects.

Site Plan Addition:

- Tabled

Chipper:

- Waiting for assessment, no update.

Updates for Brookdale Recreation Park:

- Garbage box repaired and stained, with new garbage can added.
- Dan caught some kids driving an ATV on the volleyball court. We need to find a way to keep cars and vehicles off of that space. The committee recommends large rocks like those planned for the Ralph Gorman. These would be placed after the parking spaces to stop ATV's from going on the field.
- The wood barrier around the volleyball court needs to be removed asap. It has disintegrated and needs to be replaced. Staff will research an alternative product to wood for replacement.
- We need to level the grass area and reseed. This would be a great location for the BMX park. The location of Camber Park has many issues. It's not very big and there is no parking. This is an issue for the residents who live on Camber Drive. Putting in a BMX park that children would drive their bikes to would be a great solution.
- We discussed the possibility of a wading pool/splash pad. This was not in our master plan, and it involves a lot of research. The space would not be large enough as a building would have to be built to house the equipment to run the water park, washrooms should be added, and this would involve a septic system. Wells would have to be drilled and a system for recirculating the water would have to be sourced. Parking is a huge issue as well. The committee agreed that the splash pad is a great idea, but it would need to be a much larger piece of property and the logistics and costs determined.

Warming Shed: no update

Upgrades to Recreation Park Trails:

- This hasn't started yet but should start shortly.



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New Business:

Building Maintenance Officer Report:

- Dan Martin and the summer students have been cleaning up the playground of rocks and debris.
- Lawn maintenance completed, dead kill raked and removed.
- Children Playing signs put up at Herkert Lake.
- Gravel is being spread on the trails in problem areas.
- Amphitheater cleanup has started, dead and fallen trees removed.
- Scent houses back up.
- All major water areas have been mapped.
- Dead fall cleaned in trails and piled next to sea can for residents to take for firewood.
- Did some staining on benches in trails.
- Grad signs hung at all Hanwell entrance signs.
- Need bug hotels and table for outdoor classroom. Staff will purchase these.

Other

- Danica gave an update on Brookdale Sports. There are now coaches for most of the teams. She also updated the committee on upcoming events

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting will be July 5, 2022, at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Sherri Johnston,
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer