



## COMMITTEE REPORT

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**DATE: August 9, 2022**

Record of Attendance: Councillor Holly Hyslop (Chair), Councillor Darren MacKenzie (Vice-Chair), Councillor Pat Septon, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Johnston, Dan Martin (Building Operations Officer) and Megan Keenan (Administration and Communication Coordinator)

Absent: Danica Godin

Minutes taken by Sherri Johnston

### **Mapping Vacant Land**

- Tabled

### **Continuation of Community Planning**

- Harvest Moon Hike: Councillor MacKenzie and Councillor Septon will participate in this. It will be held in September, time to be determined.
- Halloween Lights Contest: Runs from Oct 28-31. Must register by Oct 24. All voting to be completed by Oct 31 and prizes to be given out the following week. Same prize format and categories as last year.
- Spookfest: October 22 from 6:30-8:30. Megan will reach out to the committee from last year to see if there is any interest in helping out again this year. Councillor Hyslop has reached out to council to see if someone would be able to take the lead for this event.
- Christmas Craft Fair – Dec 3
- Christmas Tree Lighting and Open House – Dec 4
- Christmas Lights Contest – participants must register by Dec 1, viewing of the lights and voting will take place from Dec 9-18 and all votes must be entered by December 18th with prizes given out by Dec 21. Same prize format and categories as last year. We will add an Honorable Mention category (no prizes will be given for this one, just recognition)
- Beat the January Blahs (to be held in January) - Residents will be asked to send in their picture of having fun outside for a chance to win a prize.

### **Site Plan Addition:**

- Tabled

### **Chipper:**



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- Tabled

**Warming Shed:** Tabled until 2023.

**River Valley Cycling Club/BMX track:** Councillor MacKenzie will take the lead for this project and contact Mike Hutchinson for advice.

### **New Business:**

- Geocache event – August 20, 2022.
  - We will donate 5 pieces of swag for their event for giveaways.
  - Councillor Hyslop will touch base with the organizer to let her know we have some swag to donate.

### **Review of recommendations from Recreation and Leisure Master Plan**

- The master plan was reviewed with many comments/suggestions. Councillor Hyslop will update the Review and send it out to the committee.

### **Building Maintenance Officer Report:**

- Trail
  - The trail is coming along. Dan is not sure if it will be finished by the first deadline due to issues with equipment, staffing and rain.
- Brookdale Park
  - The wood around the volleyball court has not been replaced and it was decided at the meeting to not replace it. The sand meets the grass, so the sand is contained.
- Bench fit
  - Pads are completed and signs are installed. The trail will be elevated to come up to meet the pads for the bench fit.
- Multipurpose Hard Surface and trail
  - The French drain down front is completed, and the area seeded. We do not have the capabilities of watering the seed, so we are relying on the rain. There is grass starting to grow. Bridge and trail are almost completed. Marc suggested moving the trail coming off the bridge a bit towards the woods so that the tractor can have room to turn if required.
- Ralph Gorman Park
  - Camera was installed facing the park.
- Tree that fell on the church has been donated to Romeo Poitras. He will come and collect it. He is going to provide us with a sculpture.

### **Recreation Summer Student Report**



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- Hanwell Sports:
  - Program pushed to end week of the 15<sup>th</sup> due to many cancellations.
  - Timbits and medals will be given out week of the 8<sup>th</sup> and a jamboree and ice cream will be given out the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>
- Baby and Me
  - Baby and me last 2 sessions were cancelled due to lack of interest. Next one is Aug 17 and we have no one registered. It was decided to cancel it.
  - This program may be better suited to winter months.
- Scotty and the Stars
  - Was a success and everyone who came had a great time.
- Blueberry Social
  - Approximately 30-40 registered, so we will make a push this week.
- Nature NB
  - July 26<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled to August 23 and is about plants.
- Weekly Kids Games
  - Have been doing fairly well. The scavenger hunt had 18 participants

### Other

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next meeting will be September 13, 2022, at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Sherri Johnston,  
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer