



Town of LaSalle
Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Minutes

Present: C. Meloche, Councillor
S. Desjarlais, Councillor
M. Akpata, Councillor
K. Miller, CAO
P. Funaro, Supervisor Programming, Interim Director, Culture & Recreation
M. Beggs, Manager, Parks and Roads
P. Marra, Director, Public Works
K. Scherer, Assistant to the Director of Culture & Recreation

Regrets: T. Brydon

1. C. Meloche called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Desjarlais/Akpata

That the minutes of the Thursday January 19, 2017 Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee meeting BE APPROVED. Carried.

3. RFP Outdoor Splash Pad:

Prior to the presentations, P. Marra provided a brief summary to the committee and indicated 11 RFP packages had been picked up and that 2 had been returned as submissions. The RFP requested that applicants were to propose 3 Splash Pad themes to include a Sports theme, Nautical theme and Carolinian Forest theme. P. Marra indicated that the successful applicant must meet the delivery date of June 23 in order to correspond with a timeline that will coincide with the Splash Pad unveiling date for the Town of LaSalle's Canada Day festivities on July 1, 2017.

9:15am – 1st Presentation – ABC Recreation Ltd.

10:30am – 2nd Presentation – YWI Landscaping/Openspace

Each company gave a presentation to the committee.

C. Meloche/S. Desjarlais

A RECOMMENDATION was made to choose YWI Landscaping/Openspace and that the committee choose the Nautical theme and that based on the presentations, the preference be for a flow through system, subject to final confirmation of costs from the company and that the committee request the preferred company provide a price and schedule for the construction of an accessible playground to be completed simultaneously with the Splash Pad.

4. Other Items:

- i) Baseball Diamond Policy – River Canard: P. Funaro provided an update on recent pricing practices for baseball diamond rentals and indicated that for the last couple of years the rate at the River Canard baseball diamond has been a flat rate of approximately \$3000 for the summer. P. Funaro indicated that the user group(s) has since split and that the Cardinal baseball group has now joined up with the Turtle Club and is requesting the same rate as in recent years. Discussion ensued and the committee agreed that it would be best to align with the current *Town of LaSalle – User Fee By-Law Schedule “F” Culture and Recreation Services* fee schedule, and that user fees should be in unison across the board for our parks.

C. Meloche/M. Akpata

That a MOTION be made to put the user fees in line with the Town of LaSalle’s current User Fee Schedule, which designates ‘Baseball Diamonds – Located in Parks.’

- ii) LaSalle Stompers Request for Additional Soccer Fields: P. Funaro indicated that she and M. Beggs met with the Stompers who have requested additional fields at the Vollmer Complex as they could not accommodate everyone last year and had to place 50 kids on a waiting list. The Stompers indicated that they felt they were ‘promised’ additional fields in the past. M. Beggs indicated to them that this was never confirmed. P. Marra indicated that there is no parking available to accommodate this request.

C. Meloche/M. Akpata

That a MOTION be made to create a practice field with no enhancements, so that the Stompers can use the area ‘as is’. The Town of LaSalle will make the area safe and cut it and the Stompers can use it as a practice field.

5. New Business:

LaSalle Stompers Storage: P. Funaro indicated that the LaSalle Stompers have requested an additional storage bin to be located east of their clubhouse. The committee agreed that they already have a storage bin which is sufficient and that no additional storage bin will be permitted.

LaSalle Stompers Tournament July 8 - 9, 2017: P. Funaro indicated that the LaSalle Stompers have requested that their tournament fees be waived. The committee agreed that there are already too many user groups making this request, and that the Stompers request be denied at this time.

Rink Closure: P. Marra indicated that Rink A will be closed once the Vipers are done and that nothing is done with the surface other than maintenance. C. Meloche & S. Desjarlais suggested using the rink for roller skating. P. Funaro indicated that she would look into this.

6. Old Business:

Accessible Swing: M. Beggs indicated that he would follow up with Raquel Rankin to see if she has tried out the swing located at Front Road park.

7. Next Meeting Date: Thursday March 23, 2017 @ 9:00am

8. Adjournment: C. Meloche adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm