



Town of LaSalle
Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:00 a.m.
Room 236, Town Hall

Minutes

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

1. C. Meloche called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Desjarlais/Akpata

That the minutes of the Thursday February 23, 2017 Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee meeting BE APPROVED. Carried.

3. Outdoor Splash Pad Report:

P. Marra reported on the new Splash Pad which will be a flow through system and feature a nautical theme. P. Marra indicated that some of the features will include a Griffin boat design for the playground structure, with splash pad features to include whale climbing apparatus, an Apollo spinner, an opening for accessibility and a tree rock & hammock area which will be rotated to fit the overall layout. The back corner will feature a saucer swing which will be accessible as well as a standard swing set. There will be approximately 5,000 sq ft for playground. P. Marra indicated that the splash pad and the playground will be tied together with site furnishings. P. Marra indicated that a budget of \$70,000 has been set and will not be exceeded and will include 12 benches, 7 picnic tables, additional benches, planters to add colour and urban islands or gathering places which will be seating areas, wood finishes are being considered and we are waiting for prices.

P. Marra indicated that there is a cost summary in the council report, and indicated that he would like to proceed with bringing the report to council to award to Openspace/YWI and that they can meet deadlines for the end of June for a July 1st opening. P. Marra indicated that April 6 is the Accessibility Committee meeting.

S. Desjarlais/M. Akpata

That a MOTION be made to bring the report to the next Council meeting for approval and to be awarded.

4. LaSalle Outdoor Pool:

P. Funaro reported on an email that she received from a resident requesting an extension to the hours of operation of the Front Rd. outdoor pool. Discussion ensued in regards to extending the hours for 1 day during the week and to review next year.

C. Meloche/M. Akpata

That a RECOMMENDATION be made to extend the outdoor pool hours on a trial basis for one day per week and to monitor attendance to see if the change will be worth it.

5. Sun Parlour Female Hockey Association Banner:

P. Funaro reported on a recent request from the Sun Parlour Female Hockey Association to erect a banner at the entrance to Rink A in the Vollmer complex.

S. Desjarlais/M. Akpata:

That a MOTION be made to write a policy which would include locations and timeframes for banners to be displayed and that in the meantime we can continue to promote Sun Parlour Female hockey on the outdoor digital sign.

6. Ammonia Leak Correspondence:

P. Funaro shared an email she received from a fitness member regarding the recent ammonia leak, who praised the Vollmer staff for taking good care of him during the evacuation and for being very helpful. P. Funaro indicated that this is a good indication that annual staff emergency training is working. C. Meloche indicated that communication during the incident went well.

Note: The information was RECEIVED. No formal Motion was taken.

7. Mobile Food Vendors:

P. Funaro indicated that she has received requests from mobile food vendors who have asked to set up at the Vollmer complex and reported that there is no current policy in place, only licensing that goes through the Clerks dept. M. Akpata indicated that a municipal policy should be created and put in place.

S. Desjarlais/C. Meloche

That a MOTION be made to write a policy which would include other locations within the municipality and that stipulations to include timeframes should be part of the policy.

8. Old Business:

Accessible Swing:

M. Beggs indicated that he has contacted Raquel Rankin and that she has not had the opportunity to try out the swing yet and therefore there are no new updates at this time.

9. New Business:

A) Model/Power Boats on Pond:

S. Desjarlais indicated that she received a call from Terry Desjardins who runs the model yacht club and expressed concern that a group of people have been running power boats on the pond and that they have damaged the model yacht club markers and that the power boats pose a risk due to the fuel they run on and the high speeds that they travel. M. Beggs indicated that the agreement the group had with Terry Fink in the past was that they provide insurance to the Town of LaSalle and that they could use the pond and that the Town of LaSalle would put in the floating barge, cut the grass along the edge and supply a port a John as well as let them store their larger boat in the vestibule near the pavilion. M. Beggs indicated that he has told Terry Desjardins that the pond is a storm drainage/sewage facility body of water which is located on town property and that no indication has been made that they have exclusive rights to it.

9:45am – M. Akpata left the meeting

K. Miller indicated that a By-law should eventually be written and that for now signage should be put up to indicate that no unauthorized motorized vehicles will be allowed in the pond and indicated that we check with the City of Windsor to see what their pond usage policy says and to inquire if they have bylaws, before making a decision.

C. Meloche/S. Desjarlais

That a MOTION be made to take the information to council and to get council approval to install signs to indicate no use of unauthorized or motorized vessels.

B) Request by Barry Yetman:

P. Funaro indicated that Barry Yetman has requested putting a net around the batting cages at River Canard and that he has offered to pay for it and has requested to have a lock as well as exclusive rights to it.

Discussion ensued and the committee agreed that the request be denied and that it is a public park that is maintained by the Town of LaSalle. Note: No formal motion was taken.

10) Next Meeting Date: Thursday April 20, 2017 @ 9:00am

11) Adjournment: S. Desjarlais adjourned the meeting at 10:15am