



**Town of LaSalle**  
**Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2017 9:00 a.m.**  
**Room 236, Town Hall**

**MINUTES**

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

Regrets: M. Akpata, Councillor

**1. Call to Order**

C. Meloche called the meeting to order at 9:05am

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Meloche/Desjarlais

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Thursday March 23, 2017 Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee meeting BE APPROVED. Carried.

**3. LaSalle Horticultural Society**

D. Hadre reported that the LaSalle Horticultural Society has chosen Sat April 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Canada 150 Garden which is the same day as the Turtle Club parade. Discussion ensued and the committee decided that D. Hadre will inform the Horticultural Society that most of council will be involved with the parade. D. Hadre indicated that the Horticultural Society must comply with the Canada 150 grant requirements, by issuing a media release and photos. C. Meloche indicated that we can do a media release for them but that the timing is very short notice to be much more involved. D. Hadre will inform the Horticultural Society of what the Town has going on that day with the parade, traffic, etc.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

#### **4. Memorial Cup Update**

D. Hadre reported that TWEPI is organizing various events around the Memorial Cup and that each municipality will take a day and that on May 19<sup>th</sup> the Town of LaSalle will set up a display during the Memorial cup game at the Vollmer which will include information to promote LaSalle as well as information about the splash pad, Strawberry Festival, Mosaic Mural and Canada Day activities. D. Hadre indicate that on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> the actual Memorial cup is coming to LaSalle via the Windsor Spitfires and that it will be here from 1-3pm. D. Hadre is working with K. Miller to put a hockey game together and has already talked to the Vipers and will approach LaSalle Police and Fire as well as Town staff and that there is an interest to involve youth, military and schools.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

#### **5. SERT Committee Events**

P. Funaro indicated that the SERT (Special Events Review Team) committee will have its first meeting of 2017 on Friday April 21 and that there will be a review of the events coming up in 2017.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

#### **6. Pool Closure Update**

P. Funaro reported that the Vollmer indoor pool will be closed from August 26 - October 6, 2017. P. Funaro indicated that the information regarding the closure was somehow leaked and that some of the senior members found out. P. Funaro indicated that she & D. Hadre created a letter that was put on the Town website to explain what is happening and that people have received the information well. P. Funaro indicated that the outdoor pool hours will be extended beyond Labour day to the end of September to accommodate fitness members and that Fall programs will start in October and will be comprised of 8 weeks.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

#### **7. Summer Activity Guide Update**

P. Funaro indicated that the Summer Activity Guide is currently being created and that registration for summer programs will start at the end of May, with priority registration starting in mid-May and that information about the splash pad and the Vollmer indoor pool closure will be in the Activity Guide along with information about upcoming events such as our Canada Day celebrations.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.



#### **8. Easter Pool-ooza Update**

P. Funaro reported on the Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Pool-ooza event which was attended by approximately 150 people and included activities in the Vollmer lobby, crafts and an Easter egg hunt in the pool area and that proceeds will go to support the Swim to Survive Program.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

#### **9. Pickle Ball Update**

P. Funaro indicated that Pickle Ball court keys are now available for purchase at the Vollmer front desk for \$20/each and that the nets will be up by the end of the week. It was mentioned that there have been a few requests for additional courts and new asphalt and that between 50-100 people play regularly on the LaSalle courts. The use of indoor courts was discussed and K. Miller mentioned that our agreement with Holy Cross school indicates that we have our own staff to clean up. P Funaro indicated that we may be able to get a senior to volunteer and monitor indoor use. J. Columbus indicated that she will look into developing a joint use agreement and will bring information back to the next meeting. P. Funaro indicated portable nets might be more cost effective.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

#### **10. Jumpstart/P2P Update**

K. Scherer provided a quarterly update of funds allocated, for the Jumpstart and Pathway to Potential/P2P programs.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

#### **11. Tree Trimming Council Report**

T. Brydon provided a report regarding severe damage that is occurring to tree trunks in the parks caused by the mechanical equipment used when contractors trim around the trees in a quick manner. T. Brydon indicated that the City of Windsor has begun to not trim around the trees and that although it has been a learning curve for the City of Windsor, that this is much better for the survival rate of the trees. T. Brydon has proposed a similar trial program for LaSalle this year, which suggests that any tree that is under 6 - 8 inches in diameter will not be trimmed, to see if the survival rate of the trees increases. T. Brydon indicated that there may be some complaints about more grass growing around the trees but that it is a worthy investment to try to increase the longevity of the trees.

C. Meloche/S. Desjarlais

It was moved and seconded that a MOTION be made to RECOMMEND that the report go to council for approval.

## **12. Display at Windsor Express Game**

D. Hadre reported that TWEPI has requested that each municipality set up a display at a Windsor Express game. LaSalle will set up a display until the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the game on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> and that information to promote LaSalle will be available which will include the splash pad, Strawberry Festival, Canada Day activities and that swim & skate passes will be handed out. C. Meloche mentioned Strawberry Festival wristband giveaways may be helpful.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

## **13. Canada Day Celebrations**

P. Funaro reported that the Town of LaSalle will host a Canada Day Event at the Vollmer complex on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> from 1pm – 5pm. Activities will include live entertainment, a local band, a magician, a food truck, face painting, life size Canadian characters including a Beaver and a Maple Leaf which will roam around and greet people, free swimming, unveiling of the splash pad and the unveiling of the Canada 150 Mosaic Mural. The committee decided that a Zamboni will be the only piece of vehicle machinery on display with a Facility Operator available to monitor it. S. Desjarlais indicated that she has a Canadian Egg Farmers contact who is interested in donating money, however it may be a good idea to follow up with them for the Strawberry Festival.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

## **14. Old Business**

### River Canard Update

P. Funaro indicated that she has informed Barry Yetman that no batting cage nets will be permitted at the River Canard diamonds.

### Model Boats/Power Boats on the Pond

P. Funaro will meet with J. Columbus to provide an update on the situation and that a By-law must be developed.

### Rink B Options

P. Funaro will look into various activity options for Rink B.

### Youth Dances

There will be 2 youth dances in the month of May as there were none in April.

### Splash Pad

P. Marra indicated that it is being worked on, that the fence is up and the excavation has started.

**15. New Business:** None to report.

**16. Next Meeting Date:** Thursday May 18, 2017 @ 9:00am

**17. Adjournment:** C. Meloche adjourned the meeting at 9:50am