



Town of LaSalle
Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday May 18, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Sandwich Room 236, Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Regrets: P. Marra, Director, Public Works

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes of Thursday April 20, 2017 Meeting

S. Desjarlais/M. Akpata

That the minutes of the Thursday April 20, 2017 Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee meeting BE APPROVED. Carried.

3. Drone Operations on Town Property:

J. Columbus reported on a group called the Rose City Drone Racers (RCDR) that are operating drones at Brunet Park without a permit and have posted 6 dates on their website promoting future races in LaSalle. J. Columbus indicated that she contacted Dave McCall with the FVP Drone Racing Group who are a part of the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC). J. Columbus indicated that the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) has regulations stipulating how high and how close to a building or person a drone can be and that all of these regulations would disallow RCDR to be in Brunet Park. J. Columbus indicated that the MAAC have sanctions, regarding regulations under the Aeronautics Act as well as \$7.5 Million liability insurance. J. Columbus is still gathering information and indicated that the next date that the RCDR are scheduled to be in LaSalle is July 8. C. Meloche suggested a plan for LaSalle police to be present on July 8 to address the situation. M. Beggs mentioned that we could make a rule. J. Columbus suggested that we could sanction an area in LaSalle near

Vollmer Complex for them to fly the drones. J. Columbus indicated that she would research what other municipalities are doing and mentioned that we cannot create a bylaw because the regulations of the Aeronautics Act would supersede it anyway.

M. Akpata/S. Desjarlais:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Town of LaSalle will inform LaSalle police of the next scheduled race in LaSalle to take place on July 8 and that J. Columbus will get legal advice from Chris Riley, and that reminders will be posted on social media & the Town website to remind the public of drone safety.

4. Memorial Program Policy:

J. Columbus reported on the newly created Tree, Brick and Bench Memorial Program Policy, which will be coordinated through public works who will approve the requested location and provide a map of available locations.

M. Akpata/S. Desjarlais

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Memorial Program Policy go to Council for approval.

5. Dog Park Update:

J. Columbus indicated that a report went to council last week and has been approved and that an open house will be held in the Fall of 2017.

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

6. Vollmer Complex Construction Update:

M. Masanovich reported that the exterior construction is complete, that the interior is currently being worked on and that the central office has been temporarily relocated to the former 'Play Your Way' room. M. Masanovich indicated that the projected completion date is July 1, 2017.

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

7. Parking Behind Vollmer Complex:

J. Columbus reported that she met with the LaSalle Fire Chief about trying to alleviate the parking congestion behind the arena, which is caused by the LaSalle Stompers parents. J. Columbus indicated that new barricades have been put in place and that K. Kirincic has put up signs and that so far it has been working to alleviate the parking situation.

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

8. Recreational Use of Storm Retention Pond:

P. Marra indicated that the powerboat club and the & model yacht club are not getting along. J. Columbus indicated that we are investigating a bylaw.

Note : This item was deferred to the next meeting.

9. Memorial Cup Update:

J. Columbus indicated that she and D. Hadre are working on the Memorial Cup event to be held at the Vollmer and are currently finalizing opening ceremonies, and that information will be sent out.

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

10. Activity Guide:

P. Funaro reported that the summer Activity Guide is in the final phase and that online, priority registration started on Monday May 15. The Activity Guide will be printed within the next week or two and that the camp guide is available. Scheduled upcoming events will include the Police Bike Rodeo and Jumpstart Bake Sale on May 27, the Outdoor Movie on June 2 in partnership with LaSalle Rotary, a skateboard competition, and the Strawberry Festival on June 8 – 11. P. Funaro indicated that the outdoor summer concerts will begin on May 28.

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

11. Insurance Update – J. Columbus (*Attachment #10*)

J. Columbus indicated that a GL system through Max Galaxy is in place and being used to track insurance and can be used for vendors for Strawberry Festival and that this system will allow user groups to continue to participate in events and may even boost interest for more facility rentals.

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

12. Splash Pad Update – M. Beggs

M. Beggs reported that the underground work is complete, the electrical work is almost complete, the mechanical work is done and that the playground will be installed soon. M. Beggs indicated that the fixtures on the spray pad and sails will go in at the end of the month and reported that some of the fixtures are coming from Europe. J. Columbus has taken some pictures of the progress and the budget and schedule are on track for the grand opening July 1st.

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

13. CWATS Event Update – J. Columbus

J. Columbus reported on the CWATS (Canada Wide Active Trail System) event, which will be held June 7 from 2:15 – 3:00pm at Brunet Park. The event is a way to recognize and celebrate the trail systems in local communities. J. Columbus indicated that we are contacting each local school to invite students to participate and that so far Sandwich West Public School has committed to attending.

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

14. Old Business

Accessible Swing (Attachment #14a):

M. Beggs indicated that Raquel Rankin has confirmed that the accessible swing is ok, that the Town of LaSalle could provide the belt to Raquel and that the swing can be installed this summer.

15. New Business

Joint Use Agreements:

J. Columbus reported that she met with Kevin Degroot at the public school board and indicated that Windsor Essex has never had a joint use agreement in place. J. Columbus indicated that Kevin Degroot is interested to try it as a pilot, which would allow access of the local school gymnasiums from 6:00pm – 9:00pm so that the Town of LaSalle can run programming and that there would be a \$25 administration fee. J. Columbus indicated that the Ministry of Education provides each school board with funds to create joint use agreements, which benefit the community and provide additional programming space.

16. Next Meeting Dates:

Please note that meetings over the summer months will be at the call of the Chair.

Next Scheduled Date:

Sept Date: Sept 21/17 @ 9:00am

17. Adjournment:

C. Meloche adjourned the meeting at 9:55am