



Town of LaSalle
Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday November 2, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Sandwich Room 236, Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: C. Meloche, Councillor
S. Desjarlais, Councillor
J. Columbus, Director of Culture & Recreation
P. Funaro, Supervisor of Programming
M. Beggs, Manager of Parks & Roads
P. Marra, Director, Public Works
T. Brydon, Supervisor of Parks
M. Masanovich, Manager, Fleet & Facilities
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 9:00am

2. Approval of Minutes

C. Meloche/S. Desjarlais

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Thursday September 24, 2017 Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee meetings BE APPROVED. Carried.

3. St. Clair Park Replacement

T. Brydon reported that they are proceeding with replacement of playground equipment and that of the 2 options presented by Henderson Recreation Equipment Ltd. , Option 1 is the preferred model as it is more compact and offers more for the money, has engineered wood chips, features a swing set, accessible swing, toddler swing. T. Brydon indicated that they are considering moving the equipment to the west side of park where there is a sidewalk and an asphalt path will be made to connect to the playset for accessibility and will feature an accessible picnic table, bike rack and in ground garbage pail. M. Beggs indicated that this could be a template for all parks and P. Marra indicated that the parks master plan indicates that parks should be open &

accessible to everyone. P. Marra indicated that a notice will be sent out to residents informing them of an upgrade to the park. C. Meloche inquired about getting quotes from local companies and M. Beggs indicated that is possible if we hold off until the spring. P. Marra mentioned removing the existing fencing.

S. Desjarlais/C. Meloche

That a Motion to RECEIVE the report and get additional quotes and information and to come back with another report.

4. Christmas Light Update

M. Beggs reported that there will be Christmas lights along the trees of the promenade, on the trees & shrubs at the Vollmer, down the Laurier parkway median, Laurier roundabout, the tree in the Todd Lane roundabout, along Front Rd. with the Nativity trailer and the Malden Rd. median from Normandy to Todd Lane. M. Beggs indicated that the trees along Laurier Parkway are getting bigger with not enough lights to cover them and suggested lighting every second or third tree and indicated that the Town Christmas lights will be activated on November 17 and will be shut off after Little Christmas on January 8. J. Columbus will do some research on holiday décor options for the Malden Todd round about. Staff will review for the 2018 budget.

The above-mentioned information was RECEIVED. Note: No formal Motion was made.

5. Upcoming Events Review

Santa Breakfast: P. Funaro reported that the Santa Breakfast will be on Sat Dec 2 with bookings from 9:00am – 10:00am & 10:15am – 11:15am and that tickets will be available for purchase at the Vollmer next week. New this year will be a Christmas Shopping Expo featuring 28 local vendors, with half the vendor fees going to charity and that Sparky's Toy Drive will be set up to collect toys & gift cards for older kids.

New Year's Eve Celebration: P. Funaro reported that the New Year's Eve celebration will once again offer free swim & skating, fireworks at 7:30pm and that people can start reserving spots Dec 1.

The above-mentioned information was RECEIVED. Note: No formal Motion was made.

6. Outdoor Concession Operational Review

J. Columbus indicated that there will be an outdoor concession report going to council and that the overall operations brought in \$5,600 in revenue from July 1 – Sept 4th 2017. The 2018 Budget will recommend continuing operations with 1 staff/shift and staff will review hours of operation.

The above-mentioned information was RECEIVED. Note: No formal Motion was made.

7. Fitness Centre Open House Dec 2nd

J. Columbus reported that the Fitness Centre Open House to celebrate new equipment purchased will coincide with the Santa Breakfast on December 2 from 10:00am – 2:00pm and that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the recent grant received for Vollmer upgrades. These activities will be a good opportunity for residents to enjoy various aspects of the Vollmer. J. Columbus indicated that D. Langlois is working to confirm someone from the Ministry will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The above-mentioned information was RECEIVED. Note: No formal Motion was made.

8. 2018 Cultural Event

J. Columbus indicated that during the recent AMO conference she presented to the Minister and indicated that Francophone funds are available to do a heritage event in LaSalle. The event will include a possible plaque unveiling and voyageur experience to commemorate the history of LaSalle and that this would fall under the strategic planning budget. Planning is underway with Ontario Heritage Trust.

The above-mentioned information was RECEIVED. Note: No formal Motion was made.

9. 10 Year Anniversary of Vollmer 2018

P. Funaro reported that 2018 will mark the 10th year of operation for the Vollmer complex and that there will be plenty of social media promotion and marketing, giveaways, free swimming & skating during the winter/spring sessions, Mad Science, Emerald Isle Dancers, leading up to giving away 10 free passes per month. The Winter Activity Guide cover will feature 100 photos showing 10 photos from each of the past 10 years and that the 10 year anniversary theme will be going all year.

The above-mentioned information was RECEIVED. Note: No formal Motion was made.

10. Active Living Strategy

P. Funaro reported that the grant we received will cover the strategy implementation with Douglas Marketing Group (DMG). They will handle a variety of research including developing an active living strategy, determining our strengths & weaknesses, conducting focus groups in early December, scheduling phone interviews with members of council with the goal of the Active Living strategy to be completed by March 31, 2018. Working with local businesses to identify opportunities along with community partners.

The above-mentioned information was RECEIVED. Note: No formal Motion was made.

11. Essex Power Distribution of Funds (\$10,000)

P. Funaro reported on a breakdown of how Essex Power funds have been spent for 2017.

The above-mentioned information was RECEIVED. Note: No formal Motion was made.

12. Old Business

Accessible Swing Update

T. Beggs reported that the accessible swing has been installed and that he is waiting for feedback from the resident who requested it.

Pool Liner, Pool Repair

M. Masanovich reported that work on the pool liner is complete though it may require attention down the road as it is 10 years old.

Splash Pad, Playground, Concrete Repair

P. Marra reported that the contractor is unreachable, will not return calls and indicated that he is close to taking the Bond and deeming "abandonment of the site" and will be seeking direction from Town Solicitor Chris Riley when to put them on notice and indicated that there is no assurance that the splash pad/playground will be open by Spring 2018. J. Columbus indicated that the hours of operation will be updated for 2018 to stay open until 9:00pm (from 8:00pm).

Outdoor Pool

J. Columbus reported that the outdoor pool will be open for June 2018 and indicated that this past summer the extended hours for the Sunday swims were not as well attended as hoped for.

High School Kids at Vollmer

M. Masanovich reported that he has met with the Vice Principal of Sandwich Secondary School and the LaSalle police (who are now doing a daily patrol of the facility) to address the 70 – 100 high school kids coming through the facility on a daily basis without supervision to hang out and use the free WiFi. M. Masanovich indicated that a wheelchair was broken, there has been some fighting & drug use but that the school will not put a teacher in place to supervise and that there was discussion about either senior students or security to monitor.

13. New Business

High School Art Display

J. Columbus shared thoughts on meeting with both high schools next year to create a high school art display, to align with the cultural portfolio, which C. Meloche and S. Desjarlais agreed with.

14.Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be determined as needed.

15.Adjournment: C. Meloche adjourned the meeting at 10:00am