



**The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle**  
**Culture and Recreation - Parks Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

February 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m.  
Sandwich West Room  
2nd Floor LaSalle Civic Centre  
5950 Malden Road

Present:

Crystal Meloche, Councillor  
Sue Desjarlais, Councillor  
Mike Akpata, Councillor  
Julie Columbus, Director of Culture & Recreation  
Patti Funaro, Recreation Manager  
Peter Marra, Director of Public Works  
Mark Beggs, Manager of Parks & Roads  
Mark Masanovich, Manager of Fleet & Facilities  
Dale Langlois, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer  
Kim Scherer, Recreation Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

Councillor Desjarlais calls the meeting to order at 9:05am

**2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None.

**3. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**Moved By:** Councillor Akpata

**Seconded By:** Councillor Desjarlais

That the minutes of the meeting of the Culture & Recreation Parks Advisory Committee dated Thursday January 18, 2018 BE ADOPTED as presented.

**Carried.**

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

##### **4.1 LaSalle Stompers Seeking Confirmation of Sign Request for Field House & Advertising**

J. Columbus indicated that the LaSalle Stompers are seeking a response from the committee on installing a sign as an advertising option.

Discussion ensued and the Committee agreed that J. Columbus would create an agreement and that the Stompers would have to decide who they would have to maintain it and that a clause to indicate the size of the sign would be included. J. Columbus will meet with M. Beggs to review sizing options.

Note: the information was received by the committee, no formal motion was made.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **5.1 2018 Night Market**

P. Funaro indicated that the summer concert series this year will run from May - August on the last Sunday of the month and will be enhanced to include vendors & food trucks. Vendor spaces will cost \$25 and if vendors register for all dates, they will receive 1 date for free as a way to build on the event.

Note: the information was received by the committee, no formal motion was made.

##### **5.2 Active Living Strategy Update**

P. Funaro indicated that the Ontario sports & recreation fund that we received last year is wrapping up and that focus group studies have been done in collaboration with Douglas Marketing Group to create a digital active living map. First draft looks good. Community groups & private businesses can enter their contact information for all the active living options in the town. P. Funaro will present the strategy in draft form to council in March. Discussion ensued and the Committee agreed that

there is no need to bring it back to the Advisory committee unless there are questions.

J. Columbus indicated that we are keeping a running record of community groups.

Note: the information was received by the committee, no formal motion was made.

### **5.3 Request for Diamond 2 - Slowpitch**

J. Columbus reported on a request that was made for Diamond #2 to be used for Adult Slow pitch, as all other softball diamonds are full and indicated that we want to make sure they are permitted to use Diamond #2 as this is a new use for the hardball diamond. M. Beggs indicated that changing the base locations will cause damage to the grass and the pitcher's mound could create a potential trip hazard. Discussion ensued and the committee agreed on the following:

Diamond #2 will be left as is, and that no major changes will be made to the Diamond. Group(s) who are renting the diamond for a different use than hardball will use the diamond at their own risk. The phrase 'use at your own risk' will be added to the new rental contracts moving forward. There will be 3 bases, a rubber pitcher's mound and base plugs to be installed by the Parks Department at designated location to accommodate the Adult Slow Pitch rentals. The Committee acknowledged that new base lines on the grass will show that the field is being used.

### **5.4 Summer Ball Hockey Rink A**

J. Columbus reported on creating a kids summer ball hockey league which is low cost and will generate revenue. M. Masanovich indicated that May 7 the ice will come out & that his staff will require 1 week to get the surface ready. J. Columbus indicated it will run it for 6 weeks in the summer starting the week after the long weekend.

Note: the information was received by the committee, no formal motion was made.

## **5.5 Chlorine Smell at Vollmer Complex**

J. Columbus indicated that we are receiving feedback regarding the smell of chlorine at the Vollmer complex. M. Masanovich indicated that it is an ongoing project with Ameresco and that the pool pack unit on the roof of the building has been a challenge with the weather and has caused the noise. M. Masanovich indicated that they manually overrode the system to eliminate the smell and that the migration of smell was not a safety concern and indicated that Ameresco has been working over the last few months on balancing the levels of chloramine in the air.

Note: the information was received by the committee, no formal motion was made.

## **5.6 Request for Broomball Tournament**

J. Columbus indicated that K. Kirincic received a request for a Broom Ball tournament which would be the first ever tournament of its kind in Essex County with 36 teams and 6 different divisions but that it would take ice away from minor hockey and would involve some line painting & some facility maintenance. J. Columbus indicated that it would take place for 1 weekend in Nov 30 – December 2. M. Masanovich indicated that the ice would just have to be painted & removed right afterwards.

Discussion ensued and the committee agreed that this is more than enough notice to let LMHA know that the ice will not be available for this time. The committee agreed to proceed with this event as it brings a new user group to our facility. M. Masanovich indicated that he will send some costing to J. Columbus to include in the broomball tournament.

## **6. Discussion**

### **i) Renovation 2nd Floor Vollmer Complex:**

J. Columbus indicated that there was a meeting with JP Thompson and that she & M. Masanovich will bring more information to the next meeting including a cost list.

### **ii) Skate LaSalle Signage:**

M. Masanovich indicated that the board will be installed between the women's washroom & the IT room on the main floor of the Vollmer Complex.

iii) Vollmer Complex 10th Anniversary:

P. Funaro indicated that March Break 2018 will mark 10 years for the Vollmer Complex and that there will be a special day to commemorate with festivities on March 11. Activities will include a free skating event, council will be invited, cake cutting and kids activities. P. Funaro indicated that there will be free skating & free swimming all week, which was made possible by P2P funds. P. Funaro indicated that there will be a 3 month fitness special March 1-10 \$10/ea month for 3 months

M Akpata suggested to invite kids born in March 2008 as well as the people who sponsored the Vollmer complex, peoples' name on pool wall and fundraisers.

iv) Contact Number:

Councillor Meloche asked that her personal phone number be taken out of the Activity Guide.

**7. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday March 15 at 9:00am, in the Sandwich West Room #236, Town Hall.

**8. Adjournment**

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