



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

April 26, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
Sandwich West Room
2nd Floor LaSalle Civic Centre
5950 Malden Road

Present: Councillor Crystal Meloche
Councillor Sue Desjarlais
Councillor Mike Akpata
J. Columbus, Director of Culture & Recreation
P. Marra, Director of Public Works
P. Funaro, Recreation Manager
M. Beggs, Manager of Parks and Roads
M. Masonovich, Manager of Fleet & Facilities
K. Scherer, Recreation Coordinator

Regrets: T. Brydon, Supervisor of Parks

1. Call to Order

Councillor Desjarlais called 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 Desjarlais

Seconded By: Councillor Akpata

Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

5. New Business

5.1 Vipers Stickers for Reserved Seating

M. Masanovich indicated that the Vipers would like to put reserved stickers for season ticket holders on seats on a permanent basis.

The committee received the above information, and agreed that M. Masanovich would speak to the Vipers to get more information and follow up with the committee.

5.2 Summer Jobs Grant Update

P. Funaro reported that we were successful in receiving the Student Wage Subsidy Grant of \$28,516 for 17 day camp & parks summer positions.

The committee received the above information, no formal Motion was made.

5.3 Culture & Recreation Hiring Update

J. Columbus indicated that interviewing is complete for day camp and aquatics summer staff and that this year an external consultant was hired for aquatics interviews to keep the process transparent and objective. Candidates were assigned numbers instead of names and that the process was based on scenario testing, past experience, relevant qualifications and that candidates were then graded on a list. P. Palicit is currently doing the job offers. J. Columbus indicated that approximately 25 people have been hired for the summer. J. Columbus suggested that it would be beneficial to have a booth at the St. Clair College job fair next year to promote parks & recreation summer positions. M. Beggs indicated that they will hire 6 students in Parks and that high school kids are a challenge because they are still in school until the end of June and some do not have the required driver's license.

The committee received the above information, no formal Motion was made.

9:15am – C. Meloche entered the meeting

5.4 Spring Sports Fields Preparation/Maintenance

M. Beggs indicated that the opening for soccer and baseball are supposed to be this weekend and that it has been challenging due to weather. M. Beggs indicated that the majority of nets are up and the painting of lines will be completed for the weekend and that daily updates will be provided to user groups. M. Beggs indicated that baseball will be open and that soccer will be decided upon daily and may be ready for Monday April 30. P. Marra invited committee members to walk the fields prior to making the decisions to help get an understanding and to be prepared to answer inquiries that they may receive from the public. M. Beggs reported that they have not started cutting parks yet.

The committee received the above information, no formal Motion was made.

5.5 Detroit Tigers Partnership

J. Columbus reported that Dwayne Lewis of the Detroit Tigers would like to partner with the Town of LaSalle for a "LaSalle Day" fundraising opportunity, where discounted tickets would be offered to LaSalle user groups for \$5 off the price and that the user group could receive \$2 for every ticket they sell.

The committee received the above information, no formal Motion was made.

5.6 Art Exhibition Cultural Event Update

J. Columbus indicated that the event is May 15 from 6pm – 8pm, the Save the Dates have been sent out, that an external person has been hired to build art boards, there will be 400 pieces of art, a harpist, catering and that the library will be displaying a table and will promote Art for the month of May. J. Columbus indicated that it will only be Villanova high school students and that Sandwich Secondary School did not get involved.

The committee received the above information, no formal Motion was made.

Other Items

Subscription Service in Arena's

M. Akpata shared a suggestion that he saw at an Ottawa arena regarding subscription services, where live streaming of hockey games can be conducted for a subscription fee. M. Masanovich will get information and report back to the committee.

Camera's in Pools

S Desjarlais shared information from the PRO conference, regarding the use of camera's in pools for managers and supervisors to use as a learning tool, to monitor lessons and to utilize for job performance reviews. P. Marra indicated that our camera's in our pool area are being updated.

Turtle Club Email

C. Meloche tabled concerns regarding an email from the Turtle Club about field rentals and site preparation.

6. Next Meeting

June 21, 2018 at 9:00am

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 10:05am.