



**The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle  
Minutes of a meeting of the Culture and Recreation - Parks Advisory Committee  
Meeting**

June 20, 2019, 9:00 a.m.  
Sandwich West Room  
2nd Floor LaSalle Civic Centre  
5950 Malden Road

Present: Councillor Mike Akpata  
Councillor Sue Desjarlais  
Councillor Jeff Renaud

Staff Present: J. Columbus, Director of Culture & Recreation  
P. Marra, Director of Public Works  
P. Funaro, Recreation Manager  
M. Masanovich, Manager of Fleet & Facilities  
G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer  
D. Langlois, Director of Finance/Treasurer  
K. Scherer, Recreation Coordinator

Regrets: M. Beggs, Manager of Parks and Roads  
T. Brydon, Supervisor of Parks

Delegations: Jay Thibodeau, Resident for Sledge Hockey  
Rebecca Rivard, Easter Seals

**1. Call to Order**

Councillor Akpata 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 Parks, Recreation and Events committee meeting dated May 16, 2019 BE ADOPTED as presented.

**Carried.**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**5. Presentations**

**5.1 Sledge Hockey - Jay Thibodeau**

Jay Thibodeau - a local resident made a request to retrofit Rink B at the Vollmer Complex, to accommodate sledge hockey equipment and sledge hockey players as there is currently no accessible way for players to get on and off the ice.

9:16am – P. Marra entered the meeting

M. Akpata indicated that he will contact Veteran Affairs to inquire about funding and report back to the committee.

M. Masanovich discussed options and indicated that he will create a report and report back to the committee.

K. Scherer indicated that she will research funding available through the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Foundation and report back to the committee.

**5.2 Easter Seals - Rebecca Rivard**

Rebecca Rivard of Easter Seals presented to the committee about an upcoming Easter Seals fundraiser in October and requested that the Vollmer Complex provide an in-kind donation of use of the Multi-purpose room for a fundraising event

J. Columbus suggested that they approach local businesses to cover the cost of the rental

Discussion ensued and the committee agreed that the rental fee cannot be waived but that Rebecca should be encouraged to work with an external business to secure sponsorship. It was suggested that they consider use of the lobby/atrium at town hall. Staff will follow up with Rebecca.

## **6. Reports**

### **6.1 Strawberry Festival - P. Funaro**

9:45am - D. Langlois, Director of Finance/Treasurer joined the meeting

D. Langlois reported that revenue for the 2019 Strawberry Festival is tracking consistent with previous years and that figures are still coming in.

10:05am – D. Langlois left the meeting

M. Akpata made a RECOMMENDATION to schedule a debrief meeting regarding the 2019 LaSalle Strawberry Festival to include all parties involved and that a report be presented as a result of the debrief meeting which will be presented at the July Parks, Recreation and Events Advisory committee meeting.

**Moved By:** Councillor Akpata

**Seconded By:** Councillor Jeff Renaud

That the report from the Recreation Manager dated June 17, 2019 (C&R 2019-08) regarding the 2019 Strawberry Festival be RECEIVED for information.

**Carried.**

### **6.2 July Events Update - P. Funaro**

**Moved By:** Councillor Desjarlais

**Seconded By:** Councillor Jeff Renaud

That the report from the Recreation Manager dated June 17, 2019 (C&R 2019-09) regarding July events be RECEIVED for information.

**Carried.**

**6.3 Sister City Louisville - J. Columbus**

**Moved By:** Councillor Desjarlais

**Seconded By:** Councillor Jeff Renaud

That the report from the Director of Culture and Recreation dated June 17, 2019 (C&R 2019-07) regarding the recommendation to proclaim Louisville, Kentucky an official sister city of the Town of LaSalle BE APPROVED;

AND THAT Town of LaSalle staff work with the City of Louisville staff to explore joint ventures to commemorate our shared history and heritage focusing on the French settlement during the 17th and 18th Century and strategic initiatives that strengthen and enhance our community;

AND FINALLY that council extend a formal invitation to the members of the Louisville Metro Council, the Louisville Sister City Board Members and Alliance Francaise de Louisville to attend the Rendez-vous Voyageur event in September.

**Carried.**

**7. New Business**

Hometown Hockey – J. Columbus indicated that a submission has been sent in and that we will be notified by June 21<sup>st</sup> if our submission has been accepted.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday July 11, 2019 at 9:00am

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at the call of the Chair at 10:52am