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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, February 26th at 7:00 pm

Location: Municipal Office Council Chambers

AGENDA

- 1. OPENING**
 - a) Meeting Declared Open by the Chair
 - b) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a.) Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Meeting
- 4. ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a.) January PEC Update
 - b.) January Arena Update
 - c.) Parks, Recreation & Culture Yearly Events Plan
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**
- 6. NEXT MEETING DATE**

ASSIGINACK PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2023

7:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Brenda Reid, Janice Bowerman, Lisa Hallaert, Margit Alberti, Jennifer Hooper, Mathieu Page

Staff : Alton Hobbs, CAO

#2023-04

Moved and Seconded by Janice and Lisa:

THAT the meeting be opened and the agenda approved as presented.

CARRIED.

#2023-05

Moved and Seconded by Jennifer and Lisa:

THAT the Minutes of the November 20th, 2023 meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

The mayor was designated as Chair and staff agreed to keep Minutes.

Christmas Tree Lighting Review:

The Committee was happy with the results of the evening and extended its thanks to Recreation staff as well as the Assiginack Public School staff and students. Recommendations for next year included a seating area for seniors, heating stations, possibly closing the street for the evening and improvements to the sound system. It was agreed that planning for next year's events would begin in September.

Parks and Events Suggestions:

The Committee members reviewed McLean's Park, Queen's Park, High Falls Park and the Toboggan Hill. A summary of the discussion is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.

It was agreed that the Committee would consult with community groups regarding a one day winter carnival in 2024. A sub committee of Margit, Lisa and Jen would begin discussions.

#2023-06

Moved and seconded by Janice and Mathieu:

THAT we adjourn until the next meeting of February 26, 2024 or as called by the Chair.

CARRIED.

Chair

Recording Secretary

8:15 pm.

McLean's Park:

Development of trails for cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Possible spartan type races, scavenger hunts, forest knowledge and skills demonstrations and tours, Cider Saturdays. It is recognized that both the park infrastructure and maintenance costs will be a factor as is the condition of the road accessing the park.

High Falls:

Cycling Tour stop and promotion of the park to cyclists, indigenous plantings, rest stop picnic area.

Queen's Park:

Open air gallery, Tai Chi, Yoga classes, chess tables, indigenous plantings.

Toboggan Hill:

Community Yard Sales (Junk in the Trunk). Possibility of outdoor skating area.

Other:

Explore: Resuming pumpkin festival, soup festival, pancake & p.j.'s breakfast, committee and community leadership in Harvest Glory Days and Decorating contests, Hobby Farmers' Markets, etc.

Note:

All members recognize that many of these events require more municipal infrastructure and that municipal staff may be asked to assist but not to take on the ideas that the Committee move ahead with.

Memo

To: Council
From: Jackie White
cc:
Date: February 12, 2024
Re: January update - PEC

January breakdown

Atrium was used for 32 hours

Activity room used for 11 hours

Event	# Sessions	#Attend
Adult Sew	1	2, 2 were sick
Threads Club	4	3, 1 sick
Cook Club	4	4
Sr Fitness	8	4-6 weekly
Sr Drop In	5	15-20 weekly

Stephanie from PHSD came and spoke about medication management and fall prevention during the Senior Drop In.

Meetings have taken place with the Assiginack Winter Wonders committee, a sub committee of the Parks and Rec Committee, work on advertising, gathering prizes etc.

Attended Food Securities meeting.

The Township partnered with the 1st Manitowaning Girl Guides in their candlelight walk at McLeans Park. A shout out to the crew and especially Amelia Wood for the work involved in this event. The Township donated hot chocolate and lent snowshoes and helped with advertising. It was an absolutely gorgeous walk. It was great to see the park used in such a unique way and plans are underway for next year.

The Fire Dept. and PEC postponed the fireworks and night sliding due to lack of snow, hoping to have it later this season.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie White

Memo

To: Council
From: Jackie White
cc:
Date: February 12, 2024
Re: January update - Arena

This past month saw the final week of holidays with free public skating and sponge puck thanks to generous sponsors.

January totals for public skating were 156 users, and for sponge puck 35 youth.

Assiginack Public School hosted their first hockey tournament here with 5 schools putting in teams. 4 from the island and one from Espanola. A shout out to Becky Stewart and her team of volunteers who ran an exceptionally organized and well run tournament.

Summary of Hours for January shows ice pad used 166.50 with breakdown below:

3 hrs free holiday skating

3 hrs free holiday sponge puck

Public skating – 3 sessions

Sponge Puck – 2 sessions

Ice rentals – 35

Manitoulin Can Skate – 3 sessions

Mens hockey – 5 sessions, approx. 10-20 guys each time

Little Current MHA – 19 hours: 9 hours practice, 10 hours games, approx. 200-250 in facility on game day

APS practices – 2

APS hockey tournament -10 hours, approx. 200 people in facility, 5 teams

Manitowaning MHA breakdown by team, this will be weekly practices and games:

U7 – 6 hours

U9 – 9 hours

U11 – 13.5 hours

U13 – 13.5 hours

U15 – 9 hours

U18- 12 hours

Practices will have approximately 10-14 youth on the ice with 2-3 bench staff.

Sunday is game day with around 250-400 people in facility.

During the winter months of November to March, between users of the atrium, and activity room combined with the ice use, the Township is averaging 850 people per week in the facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie White