



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Recreation Committee

January 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Electronic Participation Meeting via Zoom

Present: K. Neil, Chair
Councillor T. Tellier
Nicole Campbell
Cindy da Costa
Megan Bartlett

Regrets: Councillor A. Cammaert

Staff Present: Emily Jocius

1. Call to Order

Chair Ken Neil called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Megan Bartlett

Seconded: Cindy da Costa

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby adopts the agenda as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Minutes

Moved: Cindy da Costa

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That the West Elgin Recreation Committee adopts the minutes of December 15, 2021 as printed and circulated.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Recreation Update

Emily Jocius, Operations and Community Services Coordinator gave the committee an update on current recreation closure due to Covid-19. Once restrictions are eased all rentals and programs will be informed on the return to play guidelines.

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby receives the report from Emily Jocius, Operations and Community Services Coordinator for information purposes.

6.2 2022 Draft Recreation Budget Highlights

E.Jocius presented the highlights of the 2022 draft budget to the Recreation Committee. The Committee accepted and commented on making sure the Multi-Purpose Pad had the background work to ensure multiple sports or activities would be able to be played at once.

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby receives the report from Emily Jocius, Operations and Community Services Coordinator. For information purposes

6.3 Recreation Survey Results

E.Jocius went through highlights on the recreation survey that included how to better communicate information and gain volunteers for events. The Committee agreed the survey was well done and additional surveys should go out every six to eight months to make sure we can continue to work on developing programs that meet the community needs. The Committee would like the survey brought back to the February meeting to develop a working plan.

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby receives the report from Emily Jocius, Operations and Community Services Coordinator re: Recreation Survey Results for information purposes.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Celebration and Commemoration Reopening Fund Grant

E.Jocius presented an opportunity to partner with the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich on a re-opening Ontario Grant. The grant is to promote the barriers that were overcome during covid-19 in the community and celebrate kindness throughout the pandemic. The Recreation Committee provided verbal direction for staff to partner with Dutton Dunwich for the grant funding. Staff will provide a report to council with a recommendation on joining Dutton Dunwich on the grant application.

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby receives the report from Emily Jocius, Operations and Community Services Coordinator.

That the West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby_____.

7.2 Outdoor Ice Rink Request

An outdoor ice rink request was presented to West Elgin Council. Council has directed staff to re-present the information to the Recreation committee to receive feedback on the proposal. The Committee thought it was a great idea and would bring additional opportunity to community members that were not able to pay to attend public skating. It would also provide the Rodney Community with less transportation barriers to access the arena in West Lorne. Member Megan Bartlett commented on the idea and was concerned with the liability that would be involved in having an outdoor rink. Staff will bring all concerns forth in the report back to Council.

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby receives the report from Emily Jocius, Operations and Community Services Coordinator. For information purposes.

8. Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Nicole Campbell

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby adjourn at 8:00 p.m. to meet again on February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

Carried

Ken Neil, Chair

Emily Jocius, Recording Secretary