

A meeting of the Recreation Committee was held this evening with Chairperson Levasseur presiding with all Committee members in attendance with the exception of Councillors Henderson and Lafreniere. Staff members in attendance were Terry Lapierre, CAO and Judi Shields, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Lowe  
THAT the minutes of the March 21, 2006 Recreation Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1. 2007 ICE FISHING DERBY REQUEST

Mr. Rick Ryn, POSC Ice Fishing Chairman was present at the meeting.

The Pembroke Outdoor Sportsmen Club is seeking permission to host an ice fishing derby in February, 2007.

They are requesting that the City provide plowed access at Riverside Park to the river's edge and parking area. No vehicles or ice huts will be allowed in the marked fishing area. Any huts in this area will be requested to move and if they chose not to they still would not be able to participate in the derby. This derby is intended to compliment SnoSpree activities without placing undue stress on staff or resources. The Club has its own liability insurance for the event. The cost would be \$100 per hole with a maximum of 1,000 to be drilled by POSC. POSC would be responsible to clear the ice surface and for clean-up after the event. The derby is set to run between the hours of 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Because the event is held closer to shore and no vehicles are permitted on the ice there is not as much concern about ice thickness as with past derbies for SnoSpree. The only type of structure that is permitted is a 3-sided clear plastic structure held together with 2' x 2' boards.

Committee agreed that this event run by POSC would free up staff time and have the City act as the Facilitator of the overall Snospree with organizations taking over the arranging the running the events. Mr. Lapierre added that although ice huts are to be registered with MNR each year the City is called regarding ice huts that were left on the ice and have washed up on private property during the spring thaw. This type of tournament would alleviate this concern.

Mr. Ryn noted that MNR will be contacted concerning the event.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor White  
THAT the Committee agree in principal for the Pembroke Outdoor Sportsman Club to hold an ice fishing derby in February 2007 under the

stipulations and regulations provided in the proposal.

CARRIED

2. WATERFRONT FESTIVAL BASS TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 12, 2006

Dan Herback and Ted Farrell attended the meeting representing the Pembroke Old Flames Hockey Club.

Mr. Herback noted that the Club is becoming more recognizable in the community and are making donations to various organizations. The Club is made up of members of Pembroke Firefighters, Retired Firefighters, Volunteer Firefighters, Volunteer Firefighters from surrounding municipalities and Volunteers.

In conjunction with the Pembroke Professional Firefighters Association, the Pembroke Old Flames Hockey Club has offered to run the fishing tournament utilizing their own volunteer power. The event is planned to run as a one-day event during the Waterfront Festival. Their proposal includes being covered under the City's liability insurance with the City receiving 50% of the net takings from the bar. All persons manning the bar will be volunteers who have received the Server Intervention Course. Mr. Lapierre noted that the bar license will fall under the City's application. For both the bar license and liability insurance the event needs to be shown and advertised as a City event sponsored by the Club. This is the intention and discussions for advertising have been reviewed with the Recreation Department.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Lowe  
THAT the Recreation Department approved in principal the Pembroke Old Flames Hockey Club running a one-day fishing tournament in co-operation with the City of Pembroke on August 12, 2006 during the Waterfront Festival.

CARRIED

Mr. Herback will bring the approval back to the Club to establish the overall commitment of its members. It is hoped that the event will proceed and advertising and applications for entry will commence in the near future.

3. SNOWMOBILE ROUTE

The City's current snowmobile route will remain in place with the club's recent petition to Council to the extend a new snowmobile route via Trail #123 in order to allow access to services along Pembroke Street West.

Mr. Lapierre noted that a correction to the existing route will be made to reconfigure the trail in the Riverside Park/Miramichi Lodge area because of the recent Lodge development. In response to Councillor O'Neill, Mr. Lapierre noted that snowmobiles have not and are still not permitted on the walkway as outlined under the Traffic By-law. Further to concerns Councillor Lowe has received through the OVTA for a local

business, no changes have been made to the existing snowmobile route.

Committee members were in agreement with the proposed addition to the Snowmobile Route servicing the West End of Pembroke.

4. CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS – JULY 1, 2006

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott  
Seconded by Mayor Jacyno  
THAT Committee approve the request to increase the 2006 Canada Budget from \$8,600.00 to \$9,250.00.

CARRIED

In regards to the suggestion that the Royal Canadian Legion consider moving their ceremonies to a more centralized location other than Riverside Park, Committee suggested contacting the Legion for input. The monument at Riverside Park was built and donated by the Legion and they have preferred in the past to hold their Canada Day ceremony at this location. Mr. Lapierre noted that in the past few years events during the day have been scaled down with more concentration on evening activities. It is felt that the Legion would receive more spectators for their ceremony if the location was changed.

5. FRED PAGE CUP

Chairperson Levasseur noted that extensive painting has been taking place at the PMC in preparation for the tournament. On behalf of the Fred Page Cup Committee the City is thanked for the dollars spent on the improvements at the PMC and sponsorship for the banquet.

5. SKATEBOARD PARK

Councillor Severin indicated that he has been receiving phone calls from concerned residents about skateboarders using private property or other areas to practice. Question was raised to when Skateboard Park would be opening.

Mr. Lapierre noted that potential alternative sites are under review to provide a location, possibly Barrymore Parking Lot, until May when the Fred Page Cup has ended at the PMC. The normal skateboard park location is required for parking during the hockey tournament.

Councillor O'Neill questioned the safety of the ramps. Chairperson Levasseur stated that staff review and maintain the ramps on a regular basis and remove any from service if required.

Mr. Lapierre noted that the Skateboard Park is an item under budget review each year.

On motion of Councillor Lowe, seconded by Councillor Sever, a Recreation In Caucus

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meeting will be held following the adjourned of the regular meeting.

On motion of Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Lowe, the regular meeting of the Recreation Committee adjourned.