

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held this evening with Councillor Henderson in the Chair and all members in attendance with the exception of Councillor Levasseur and Councillor Lafreniere. Staff members present were Terry Lapierre, CAO; and Susan Ellis, Coordinator, Economic Development, Recreation & Tourism.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott, seconded by Councillor White THAT the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2004 be accepted as circulated.  
CARRIED.

### **ITEM #1 SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

Ms. Ellis reviewed the Santa Claus Parade report. Ms. Ellis said a survey has gone out to all parade participants regarding the possibility of holding a night parade in 2005. To date feedback has been positive to change to a night parade.

Councillor Lowe said that Dan Callaghan and she have been researching night parades. Mr. Callaghan will be bringing forward a report to the Downtown Development Commission.

Ms. Ellis highlighted the number of volunteers that came forward to assist with this year's parade. One of our volunteers, Brent Schimmens, has suggested that the reindeer structure could be made more solid and more appealing by adding a second platform. The approximately cost for this project would be \$1,000.

Councillor Henderson vacated the chair at this time. Mayor Jacyno took the chair.

Councillor Henderson felt that we need to increase community participation with all special events. The City needs to hold a mini-capital campaign to raise funds to support the parade. Councillor Lowe added that in Prescott the parade is run by volunteers and donations cover any expenses. Ms. Ellis agreed that the ownership of the parade should be handed over to community volunteers.

Councillor Henderson resumed the chair.

### **ITEM #2 SNOSPREE 2005**

Ms. Ellis highlighted the plans to date for Snospree 2005. From the original organization meeting, staff determined that Snospree would be shortened to a 4 day period encompassing 1 weekend only. Ms. Ellis added that due to increasing costs, the Snospree button will be sold for \$3.00 as opposed to \$2.00.

**ITEM #3 FACILITY BOOKING REPORTS**

These reports were accepted as information items.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Lowe THAT the Meeting becomes a closed meeting to discuss budget issues.

The meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Severin. CARRIED.