



**The Corporation of The Town of Cobourg
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

MINUTES

**January 5, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation**

Members Present: Emily Chorley
Beth Bellaire, Chair
Dora Body
Miriam Mutton
Trish Whitney

Members Absent: James McGrath
Richard Pope

Staff Present: Jodi Ware-Simpson
Teresa Behan, Deputy Director, Community Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Traditional Land Acknowledgement was read by the Chair.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A call for nominations for the 2021 Chair was made.

Member T. Whitney nominated member B. Bellaire. The Committee voted by a show of hands and the nomination was approved.

A call for nominations for the 2021 Vice-Chair was made.

Member D. Body nominated member T. Whitney. The Committee voted by a show of hands and the nomination was approved.

4. **APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Moved by Dora Body

THAT the Agenda dated January 5, 2021 be approved as presented/amended.

Carried

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared by Committee Members.

6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Trish Whitney

THAT the minutes dated December 8, 2020 be adopted as presented/amended

CARRIED

7. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

None

8. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

None

9. **REPORTS**

9.1 Beach Survey (Richard Pope, Trish Whitney)

Discussed the Beach Survey. If anyone has any recommendations or changes email Member Whitney, Member Pope or Councillor Chorley.

ACTION: The Municipal Clerk, Brent Larmer, will circulate the Parks Use By-Law to the Committee.

ACTION: Deputy Director Behan will contact the GIS Coordinator to get the map completed.

9.2 Annual Work Plan (Beth Bellaire)

The report will be presented to Council on January 25, 2021

Moved by Dora Body

That the Annual Work Plan be approved.

CARRIED

9.3 Replacement of West Beach Boardwalk (Teresa Behan)

The following motions were passed and will be sent to Council:

Moved by Member Councillor Emily Chorley:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) recommends that prior to the approval of the proposed West Boardwalk Replacement in the draft 2021 Capital Budget that a justification report be provided to Council and PRAC.

CARRIED

Moved by Member Councillor Emily Chorley:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) recommends that Council authorizes the creation of a natural system stewardship plan prior to any redesign of the West Boardwalk;

AND FURTHER THAT PRAC be consulted in the proposed redevelopment of the West Boardwalk.

CARRIED

ACTION: A motion that was missed from March 3, 2020 will added to the next agenda:

Moved by Member Mutton WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee believes that stronger protection regulations are needed for the West Headland as a Natural Environment.

Therefore, based on the review of the detailed report from the director of Community Services, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that Council clarify and strengthen zoning for the West Headland and the addition of the West Headland as a nature park under Schedule A of the Parks Use By-Law.

CARRIED

9.4 Planting for a Greener Future (Trish Whitney)

Member Whitney reviewed her presentation. The committee agreed that we will bring this item forward to the February meeting.

9.5 Cobourg Ecology Garden 25th Anniversary (Dora Body)

The Cobourg Ecology Gardeners have been discussing the 25th anniversary during their monthly meetings and, if pandemic related restrictions allow, they have identified a series of monthly events that the group will be organizing at the Garden. One of these events will be a 25th anniversary celebration and they will be inviting Town representatives and others who were involved in the original dedication of the Garden to participate.

Member Body is developing a list of contacts. If you have any suggestions please send them to her.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Outdoor Rink

Council approved additional hours at the Outdoor rink. It will now be open 10:00am - 8:00pm daily.

Weather permitting, the Town will also be working on a second outdoor rink at Sinclair Park.

Staff will look into options for an additional rink.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trash To Treasures - Moved to 2022

Adult Fitness Park - This will be a fall 2021 project as the grant money has to be spent by March 2022.

Legal Opinion Prior to Further Attempts to Regulate On-Water Activities - Still pending

12. COUNCIL MOTIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

14. NEXT MEETING

February 2, 2021