



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

**March 2, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation**

Members Present: Emily Chorley
Beth Bellaire, Chair
Dora Body
Miriam Mutton
James McGrath
Richard Pope
Trish Whitney

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm.

2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair, Beth Bellaire, recited the Traditional Land Acknowledgement statement.

3. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

THAT the Agenda dated March 2, 2021 be approved as presented/amended.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest declared by the members.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

That the minutes dated February 2, 2020 be adopted as presented/amended.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Jennifer Leno, Water Pollution

Jennifer Leno, Environmental Officer, presented the Town of Cobourg water sampling protocol. She was trained by two members of the Health Unit. Confirmed that there are no storm sewers going into the harbour. Members Pope and Whitney asked if samples could be taken from the Marina as well. Jennifer advised the Marina could be added.

Deputy Director Behan is looking into getting Professor Thomas Edge, McMaster University, to do samples and will present the findings to the committee.

7. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Keith Oliver will be deferred to the Special meeting on March 9, 2021 as it pertains to the beach survey.

8. REPORTS

8.1 West Headland as a Natural Environment Motion

Deferred to the special meeting on March 9. Members Bellaire, Pope and Mutton will work on the motion.

8.2 Beach Survey Update

A special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 9, 2021.

The Committee would like Director of Public Works to attend the meeting to discuss parking. Deputy Director Behan will contact her to see if she available.

8.3 Video Celebrating Minnie Pennell and the 25th Anniversary of the Ecology Garden.

The committee watched the video.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Brookside Property as a Potential East Cobourg Park

The Committee was encouraged to complete the Imagine Brookside survey.

ACTION: Item will be added to the April agenda.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Canoe Club and Cobourg Yacht Club - E-Coli Recommendations

1) Designate a committee to formulate a plan for remedial techniques to improve the water quality.

It was decided that this is not needed as staff will do further testing and have committed to testing in the harbor and will report the findings to the committee

2) Design walkways from the canoe and sailing school compounds to the water's edge that protect citizens who are launching their watercraft.

Received quotes on Monday. The Waterfront Assistant Manager will be contacting GRCA.

Applied for Provincial and Federal Grants for an accessible dock.

3) Devise a means for safe entry into the harbour waters from the west harbour beach that is accessible to those wanting to use the harbour.

Looking at the parking lot to see if we will have to move any parking spaces.

Trash to Treasures - Spring 2022

Adult Fitness Park - Extended to March 2022

Action: Add to the June Agenda

Legal Opinion Prior to Further Attempts to Regulate On-Water Activities -
Deferred until a new legal opinion is obtained. Brent Larmer, Legislative Clerk, is working on this.

11. **COUNCIL MOTIONS**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

13. **NEXT MEETING**

Special Meeting – March 9, 2021

Regular Meeting – April 6, 2021