

ATTENDING: Manager Katie Verrette, Recreation Coordinator Taylor Boylan, Active Living Coordinator Jordan Hebb, Chair Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty, Councillor Reeves, Mayor Clarke, Heather Morse, Jane Bustin, Ty Walsh

ALSO ATTENDING

LATE ARRIVAL

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Carol Hiscock-White

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Agenda approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE Community Development Committee MEETING OF April 3rd, 2024, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED/AMENDED.

- 1st by Ty Walsh
- 2nd by Rod Reeves

4. On-Going Business

a) Centennial Celebrations

- Katie has the clock ordered and is awaiting its arrival.
- Jess Bain is committed to take photos for the time capsule
- Arrange for Jess to have a picture taken of council
- Plaque for clock has not been ordered, other 3 plaques have (Centennial Garden, Kays Garden, Rainforth Park)
- Apple Park sign is delayed due to the sign frame not being done.

b) Active Living Strategy

- Jordan is beginning work plan for the strategy.
- Will bring 1-year plan to the July meeting.

c) Annual Plan and Capital Budget Update

- Did not receive funding for the climate action plan.
- Will apply for funding again next year.
- The funding was to create a climate action plan to ensure we are meeting our goals as a green community.

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- The new parks building will be a large building that contains storage and public washrooms.
 - Waiting to hear back on a grant to move forward with the project.
 - Carols Place flooring is anticipated to cost less than originally thought. Applying through the Community Rec Capital Grant.
 - Flooring will take around 3 days to complete.
 - Beatification grant is open, there is money in the budget to decorate the down town lamp post fixtures.
 - Trail Head unveiling ceremony on June 1st for the improved trailhead space at 9:30 am, weekly walks leaders will lead a walk afterwards on the trail for international trails day.
 - Box cars still have no concrete plan but there are plenty of ideas such as equipment loans.
 - Discussion around more signage and education to prevent smoking in parks on Gala Days.
- d) Centennial Rainforth Park Plan
- Public works finished work around the basketball court.
 - Backboard is still on backorder and waiting to be able to order it.
 - Taylor has reached out to other suppliers to see if there is anything that can be put up in the meantime.
 - Looking into other temporary replacement options.
 - Received funding from Active Kids Healthy Kids for a Gaga Ball pit in Rainforth Park.
 - New fencing is being installed in the park as well as new bases.
 - Plans for community consultation for the Rainforth playground, have an updated park plan after that is completed.
 - Community approach to potential playground changes, or Municipal approach based off of community feedback.
 - Many playgrounds have corporate sponsors.
 - It needs to reach a level of priority to take action.
- e) Welcome Packages
- Katie has been having meetings with the community champion of the Welcome Packages.
 - Some packages have been given out.
 - 12-16 new people every month (according to Berwick Electric).
 - Making local realtors aware that we have welcome packages available for new residents.
 - Reach out to business and community groups.
 - Packages will be ready in the coming weeks.
- f) Rental Rates
- New Rental rates for the gym, Carols place, and the ball fields are in place, the fitness centers new rates will be in place 1st Monday in July.

5) Sub Committee Updates

- a) Sports Hall of Fame
 - Taking place June 8th
 - Social media ads have gone out

- b) Trails Committee
 - June 1st Trails Event coming up
 - Had a trail clean up day with the school, collected 12 bags of garbage from our town spaces.

- c) Diversity Committee
 - Heather suggested a report from newcomers be presented at future meetings to ensure they are being heard and their work is on the right path.
 - The Community Health Plan has data analysis on equity and diversity. Plenty of feedback from various marginalized groups.
 - Heather presented data collected from the community health board plan surveys.
 - How can we bring diverse voices around the table?

- d) Anti-Racism/Diversity Strategy
 - Taylor has reached out to Rec NS to touch base about the strategy, had a meeting on progress and what's happening in the community.
 - Creating a personal and work action plan, the strategy is in its very early stages.
 - Reviewing the groundwork that Natalie has started.
 - Working with a community partner to plan newcomer events.

- e) Staff Updates:
 - Community Development staff went over the staff report.

6) New Business

a) After School Program

- The future of After School Program was discussed. 3 staff including the ASP Coordinator are moving on after this year.
- Job ad is going out in attempt to fill these roles.
- Berwick and District School may be starting a Before and After School Program in partnership with the YMCA.
 - Discussion around next steps if we are unable to find staffing for ASP.
 - Many committee members were in agreement that if this need was going to be filled by another provider that we could shift our programming focus for next school year.
 - Potentially shifting to specialty programs that occur 2-3 days a week instead of the current 5 day a week model.

7. ADJOURNMENT

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING
OF (Committee Name) BE ADJOURNED AT 9:05 PM**

Approved by Community Development Committee on August 29, 2024

As recorded by ALC Jordan Hebb