

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 3:00pm in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

*“We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation
within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.”*

Present: Councillor Louise Lodge - Chair
 Councillor Judy Armstrong
 Jen Crosman
 Glenda Feller
 Teresa LeRose
 Chris Matthews – *Entered as indicated*
 Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Jamie Mosdell, Recreation Coordinator

Chair Lodge called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Jen Crosman

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That the Committee approve the March 8, 2023, Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Glenda Feller

That Council adopt the minutes of the February 1, 2023, Recreation Committee Meeting

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

a. Nordic Pole Walking - Tamela Purdy and Kaye Lindberg

Ms. Purdy and Ms. Lindberg introduced themselves as members of the Seniors Centre and explained their interest of providing Nordic poles for community use which would support opportunities for seniors that may have mobility challenges. Questions asked included:

- 1- How liability would work?
- 2- What other funding ideas are there?
- 3- Would there be training requirements?

Staff will determine more information on liability and reach out to Ms. Purdy directly. It was also suggested to apply for the *North Thompson Communities Foundation Grant* through the Seniors Society. It was questioned as to how many poles are needing to be being purchased and it was noted that the North Thompson Activity Centre has poles that could be potentially rented out. The Committee suggested that this program start through the Seniors Society with Committee support.

Moved by Teresa LeRose

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That the Recreation Committee recommend that the District of Barriere provide a letter of support to the Seniors Society's request for funding through the North Thompson Communities Foundation for the purpose of purchasing and implementing Nordic Poles for community use.

CARRIED

4. WILDFIRE MONUMENT RELOCATION RIBBON CUTTING

Ms. Mosdell confirmed Council has requested the Recreation Committee plan for a ribbon cutting event for the Wildfire Monument relocation/unveiling which will coincide with the 20-year anniversary of the 2003 Wildfire. Discussion ensued regarding a date, who would be invited, music options, food trucks being present as well as people chosen to speak during the event. It was asked to see if there were pictures of the storyboard or monument and Staff verified, they would see if those were available for this meeting. Budgetary considerations were also discussed which will continue at the next meeting.

5. REQUEST TO COLLABORATE FOR EASTER

Ms. Mosdell reported that a request has been received by the Barriere Lions Club to collaborate on their annual Easter Hunt with a contest of some sort. Ms. Mosdell noted that District staff are not available to attend the Easter event this year, but discussion ensued to determine if there was a small way to participate. Staff confirmed a poster can be created and distributed to help with advertising.

Moved by Glenda Feller

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That the Recreation Committee provide a prize with an approximate value of \$100.00 in items in conjunction with the 2023 Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt basket decorating contest.

CARRIED

6. VOLUNTEER FAIR UPDATE

Recreation Committee members provided updates on their selected community groups for both the Community Calendar and the Volunteer Fair.

7. RECREATION COORDINATOR REPORT

- a. Ms. Mosdell provided an update on final attendance and funds raised from Family Fun Night, as well as the remaining funds available for next year's event. Discussion ensued regarding holding back funds each year to ensure the next year can proceed if grant funding is not available.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Jen Crosman

That a staff be directed to prepare a Family Fun Night Event Policy which outlines fundraising recipient choice including other funding allocations for Committee consideration.

CARRIED

Chris Matthews entered the meeting at 4:15pm

Mr. Matthews shared pictures of the Wildfire Monument story boards that are being created and conversation ensued regarding the gazebo construction. Staff confirmed that the grant funding for the relocation of the monument did not include any ribbon cutting celebration or anniversary commemoration.

Chris Matthews left the meeting at 4:23pm

- b. Ms. Feller reported the research she completed after Family Fun Night and found a bouncy castle could be purchased for \$1700.00 USD and reported that a donation has been confirmed for half of the funds should the District wish to pursue the purchase. Discussion ensued regarding the challenges of installation, liability, permitting, staff training, and insurance. Staff will investigate these considerations further and bring it back to the Committee for further discussion at a future meeting.

8. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *None presented*

9. NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 3:00pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Teresa LeRose that the meeting adjourn at 4:33pm

CARRIED

Chair Louise Lodge

Jamie Mosdell, Rec Coordinator