



**RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**East Ferris Council Chambers**

**PRESENT:**        Jessie Perron                                Wendy St. Denis  
                 Donna St. Martin                                Jenna Cowden, Rec. Coordinator  
                 Pauline Rochefort, Chair                        Kim Rose, Deputy Clerk  
                 Greg Kirton, Director of Community Services

**EXCUSED ABSENT:**   Michelle St. Onge

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**   None

**1. Call to Order** – Chair Rochefort called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion No. 2024-01

Moved by Jessie Perron

Seconded by Donna St. Martin

THAT the draft agenda circulated to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024 be hereby adopted as prepared.

CARRIED

**3. Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Motion No. 2024-02

Moved by Jessie

Seconded by Donna St. Martin

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee held on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None for this session

**5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None for this session

**6. Chair's Comments**

Chair Pauline Rochefort congratulated the Municipality on the 'Light Up the Park' event that occurred in December of 2023.

**7. Delegations to Committee**

None for this session.

**8. Committee Reports**

None for this session.



**9. Correspondence and Information Items:**

None for this session.

**10. Action Items**

None for this session.

**11. Other Business**

- a) Municipal Events & Activities Calendar:** The Director of Community Services introduced the 2024 work plan, a plan of current municipal events and potential for additional annual events for planning continuity.

The Committee discussed options for Canada Day/St. Jean Baptiste Day, a summer or fall family fun day, and additional support to the East Ferris Carnival.

It was noted that a public event will be scheduled for Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Refinements will be made to the Municipal Events and Activities Calendar and be brought forward to the next meeting of the Committee, specifically Participaction and Canada Day.

- b) MacPherson/Centennial Trail Development Plan:** The Director of Community Services advised that a piece of land was acquired through a plan of subdivision between One Mile Road and Centennial Crescent that could potentially be developed as a connecting trail to MacPherson as part of the Active Transportation Plan. It was also noted that funding has been secured for road shoulder development on Centennial Crescent and MacPherson Drive. The Committee agreed that this project should be examined and passed the following resolution:

Motion No. 2024-03

Moved by Jessie

Seconded by Donna St. Martin

THAT the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommends to Council that the municipality examine the opportunity of providing a connecting walkway between One Mile Road and Centennial Crescent across the municipally owned parkland in conjunction with the broader active transportation plan along Centennial Crescent and MacPherson Drive.

CARRIED



- c) **Carnival:** The Committee discussed introducing partnership events that coincide with Carnival, such as snowshoeing at Wasi Ski Club, Sleigh Rides at Village Clydesdales, etc. Staff will look into the potential for a small event this year, and plan to connect with potential partners for the future.

The Committee discussed serving breakfast at the Carnival on Sunday, from 7:00 a.m. to Noon. Committee members will advise the Deputy Clerk of their attendance.

**12. In Camera (if required)**

None for this session.

**13. Adjournment**

Motion No. 2024-04

Moved by Wendy St. Denis

Seconded by Donna St. Martin

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee meeting adjourn at 4:54 p.m. and meet again on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK