



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
OAKVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
1225 TRAFALGAR ROAD**

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, in the Council Chamber of the Oakville Municipal Building, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jennifer Doleman, Chair
Enver Domingo (Left 8:00 p.m.)
Terry Gordon
Jenny Kotulak
Andrew Merrick
Norma Summers (Arrived 7:13 p.m.)

Regrets: Cathy Watt, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tom Adams
Councillor Alan Johnston

Staff: Nina de Vaal, Director of Recreation and Culture
Chris Mark, Director of Parks and Open Space
Susan Fanelli, Recreation Supervisor
Jill Marcovecchio, Committee Coordinator

The items in these minutes are not necessarily in the order discussed.

1. Call to Order

Chair Jennifer Doleman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Regrets

As noted above.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – Meeting of July 7, 2010

Moved by Jenny Kotulak

That the minutes from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of July 7, 2010, be approved.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Discussion Item(s)

a. Youth Strategy

Nina de Vaal, Director of Recreation and Culture, advised that the direction with respect to the Youth Strategy had changed and that staff were present at this meeting to review the strategy.

Susan Fanelli, Recreation Supervisor, provided a presentation regarding "Oakville Youth Strategy", which is a strategy that will be used to improve the planning and delivery of municipal services to the youth aged population (13-19 years of age). Ms. Fanelli identified three priorities for the strategy including municipal youth centre facilities, improving communication and coordination of the planning and delivery of youth services in the Town of Oakville, and facilitation of youth involvement in specific youth focused municipal projects and initiatives. She reviewed the current approach and the recommended future municipal approach to youth service provision.

Discussion ensued regarding the youth strategy, programming and activities, youth demographics and location of youth facilities, coordination/integration of the youth with the libraries, "engaged youth" versus "youth at risk", referrals in the community for youth drug and/or alcohol abuse, and social workshops. The committee also discussed engaging the youth, establishing close connections and making a positive impact on the youth, youth access to facilities, usage of youth centres, and success stories and testimonials of the youth.

Ms. de Vaal provided further background information regarding the development of the youth strategy, and developing and improving youth centres and 'chill' spots. She also advised that staff are working with the Region of Halton on a training program for the youth, as well as training Town staff to better understand and communicate with the youth, and to make youth centres more inviting. Ms. de Vaal advised of the next steps indicating that staff are finalizing the youth strategy.

Moved by Enver Domingo

That the presentation regarding the Oakville Youth Strategy, be received.

CARRIED

b. Relocation of Heritage Trails Column - George's Square

Chris Mark, Director of Parks and Open Space, provided a presentation regarding "Relocation of Heritage Trail Column at George's Square." Mr. Mark advised that in 1999/2000, as part of the Oakville Heritage Trails Program, a bandshell was approved for construction at George's Square with an information column within the bandshell. In 2000 a new bandshell was built at George's Square, and at that time due to local neighbourhood concerns, the information column was constructed within the bandshell, making the bandshell unusable for any events. Recently some local groups have come forward and suggested that the bandshell should be available and used for community events.

Mr. Mark advised that staff have brought this item forward further to Council's direction to review and report back on relocating the information column from within the bandshell to another location within the park. He provided background information regarding the process for relocation of the Heritage Trails information column and public consultation. Mr. Mark asked that the committee support staff's recommendation to relocate the information column from within the bandshell at George's Square as a stand alone feature within the park. He advised that a staff report would be forwarded to the Community Services Committee on September 28, 2010, for consideration by Council.

(A staff report was forwarded to the Community Services Committee on September 28, 2010.)

Moved by Terry Gordon

That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee supports staff's recommendation that the Heritage Trails Information Column be relocated from within the bandshell at George's Square as a stand alone feature within the park.

CARRIED

c. Grand Opening Weekend - Sixteen Mile Sports Complex - September 18 and 19, 2010

Nina de Vaal, Director of Recreation and Culture, advised of the events being planned for the grand opening weekend of the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex, on September 18 and 19, 2010. She distributed information regarding the official opening ceremonies with Kurt Browning and the schedule of events. Ms. de Vaal asked that the members RSVP should they be attending the grand opening. Tickets for the official opening ceremonies (\$10 each) are on sale for the public at town community centres and arenas (visit www.oakville.ca/sixteenmile.htm for details).

Responding to a question, Nina de Vaal indicated that she would follow-up on the invitation that was sent to the members for the grand opening and the issuance of wristbands for the event.

Chair Jennifer Doleman thanked staff for the committee's tour of the new facility on July 15, 2010.

Moved by Norma Summers

That the information regarding the Grand Opening Weekend - Sixteen Mile Sports Complex - September 18 and 19, 2010, be received.

CARRIED

d. North Park Project Plan Update

Nina de Vaal, Director of Recreation and Culture, provided an update regarding the status of the North Park project for the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex (quad pad arena). Ms. de Vaal advised that the quad pad was completed and the ice installed, with two of the pads almost ready for use and the other two pads to be in use for next week. She also indicated that the restaurant was almost finished. Ms. de Vaal further advised that an agreement was entered into with the Oakville Skating Club for a partnership, and the facility was the new home of the Oakville Blades. Ms. de Vaal provided an update on sponsorship sales, as well.

Chris Mark, Director of Parks and Open Space, provided an update regarding the construction of the artificial turf and natural grass fields. Mr. Mark advised that the sports fields should be substantially completed in Fall 2010 and are scheduled to open in Spring 2011.

Moved by Jenny Kotulak

That the update regarding the North Park Project Plan, be received.

CARRIED

e. Extension of Advisory Committee Appointments

Jill Marcovecchio, Committee Coordinator, advised that that on August 30, 2010, Oakville Town Council approved the extension of the current advisory committee appointments to not later than March 31, 2011, for the incoming Council to deal with the new appointments. She indicated that the Town Clerk would be sending each member a letter within the next week providing more details with respect to the extension and application for re-appointment for the 2010-2014 term. Ms. Marcovecchio asked that the members advise her, in writing, should they not wish their appointment to be extended beyond November 30, 2010, in order that quorum can be adjusted accordingly.

Ms. Marcovecchio indicated that advertisements for the advisory committee vacancies would be placed in the local newspapers beginning September 15, 2010 to October 7, 2010, with an application deadline of October 8, 2010, and information will be posted on the Town website by September 13, 2010. Members may apply on-line or in person at the Clerk's Department.

Moved by Enver Domingo

That the information regarding the Extension of Advisory Committee Appointments, be received.

CARRIED

6. Information Item(s)

- a. Council Disposition of Committee Recommendation - GreenGym Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Moved by Andrew Merrick

That the Information Item, be received.

CARRIED

7. Items to be Discussed at Next/Future Meetings

- Update – GreenGym Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2011
Oakville Municipal Building
Meeting Room to be determined - 7:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Chair Jennifer Doleman acknowledged the member Jenny Kotulak, as she is leaving the committee.

Moved by Jenny Kotulak

That this meeting now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.