



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Recreation Committee

September 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
West Elgin Community Complex - Hybrid Meeting
160 Main St
West Lorne
Electronic Hybrid Meeting

Present: Councillor T. Tellier
Cindy da Costa
Megan Bartlett
Courtney Kreamer

Regrets: Nicole Campbell

Staff Present: Terri Towstiuic
Jenn Vanesse
Lee Gosnell

1. Call to Order

Chair Taraesa Tellier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Megan Bartlett

Seconded: Cindy da Costa

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby adopts the agenda as circulated.

Carried

4. Minutes

Moved: Megan Bartlett

Seconded: Cindy da Costa

That the West Elgin Recreation Committee adopts the minutes of July 17, 2024 as printed and circulated.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from minutes

6. Staff Reports

No staff reports

7. New Business

7.1 Canada Day Survey

Fireworks were the most attended and some ideas for next year with the suggestions.

7.2 Ideas for Programming

The committee is wanting to join forces with Dutton-Dunwich or Glencoe for recreation programs to offer things in our community, or be able to share resources. The scout hall is available during the week for craft nights, etc... Can look into programs, but the committee feels there should be a dedicated recreation person that implements the programs/ideas. From the terms of reference, the committee is to advise council on what the community wants and needs, but then nothing stated about who organizes and runs the programs. There is currently no budget available for staff to run these. Questions arose about a vulnerable sector check & insurance/liability that need to be investigated before the committee puts on any programs. An idea was to have a recreation calendar with all the events taking place in West Elgin to participate in.

7.3 Ideas for Budget & Capital Expenses & Grants

The number one thing that the committee is looking to push for in budget talks is a dedicated recreation person, whether it be part time, full time, or shared between another municipality. The committee gave ideas on what they envision for this position that will be compiled for the next meeting to review before submitting for council budget.

For some equipment purchases, we could approach service groups for donations is a thought.

The discussion came about Miller Park path being paved. It was looked into a few years ago, but something else, that the committee feels should be on the radar and ready for when a grant becomes available.

The plan is to still have a multi-use pad in West Lorne pending grant notification.

Rodney Park Revitalization Committee has been working on a plan to update the park, so the committee is wondering if recreation facilities is in that plan as well. Such as pickleball courts like Erieau has.

7.4 Review Special Council Meeting & Terms of Reference

Terri has been asked to bring a draft to the next meeting utilizing Tillsonburg's terms of reference.

7.5 Roots & Revival event

Event run in October with a committee organizing and hosting. Hoping for this to be an annual event. Currently no needs from the recreation committee. The event is through a tourism grant that they applied for.

8. Adjournment

Moved: Megan Bartlett

Seconded: Courtney Kreamer

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby adjourn at 8:09 p.m. to meet again on October 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Taraesa Tellier, Chair

Jenn VanEsse, Recording Secretary