

**Leisure Services Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – October 30th, 2023**

Attendance:	Karla Lamb Kevin Breau	Murray Goodman Olivia Barrett	Don Sherwood Jinell Johnson
	Sara Barnett	Gail McKinnon	Bev Campbell
Regrets:	Deputy Mayor Salgado	Rob Barrett	Troy Summerville

1. **Call to order:** Murray Goodman (Acting Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** It was moved by Gail McKinnon, seconded by Karla Lamb to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion Carried.
3. **Approval of the Previous Minutes:** It was moved by Kevin Breau, seconded by Gail McKinnon, to approve the minutes of the September 25th, 2023 meeting. Motion Carried.
4. **Business Arising from the previous Minutes:**
 - a. **Trail Signage:** Kevin Breau shared that the trail signage shown and discussed at the last meeting has been ordered. The Hampton River Runners have donated toward trail signage, so their logo will be included on the 10 signs. Don Sherwood proposed that Poley Mountains trail signage that marks the level of difficulty, we reviewed and considered for the next step in our trail signage program.
 - b. **HRMF-** Kevin gave an update on the Multipurpose Facility. Bird Construction is working as Construction Management on this project and are working diligently on this. We are moving forward, slowly but surely on this project with inflation and rising costs being taken into account.
5. **Disk Golf- Leisure Services received an email request to have a Disk Golf course set up in Dutch Point Park.**

This was brought forward to this committee about a year ago as well and it was discussed by the committee at length. They agreed then that Dutch Point is not the best place for this. The current committee again reviewed the new request and remain united in Dutch Point Park not being a suitable location for this.
6. **Budget :** With the 2024-2025 budget season underway, Leisure Services will see a 5% increase applied across the board for all programming/fees for the 2024-2025 year, all user groups will be notified. The committee noted that even with this increase our rates remain lower than most other surrounding municipalities.
7. **Reports:**

A. Department Update:

Sara- Canteen is now opened and new hires are trained. It has been a record breaking couple of weekends, with huge numbers in attendance for games!

Fall Fest took place this past weekend. It was a huge success by all reports. This is a new event for the town this year, and it was a wonderful way to partner with some of the community groups

Kevin: St. Martins and Curling Club

Remembrance Day Banners- The banners went up last week and will come down the week of Nov. 13th, there were 10 new banners added this year.

Christmas- planning is underway and decorating will begin following the removal of the banners in mid-December.

B-ball nets- new nets have arrived for HHS and we will use the old ones at other existing locations. Installation is slated for Spring 2024.

Randall Park- two sets of yellow gates have been installed to prevent parking/driving on the grass with the increased use of this park in recent months.

Trail from Homestead to HHS continues to be worked on- will be similar to main trails.

B. HHS Update:

Karla-HHS has had a few very successful fundraisers this fall. These funds help to keep the cost of student fees and grad fees/activities lower. They hosted a very successful Fall Fair (on Thanksgiving Weekend) and well attended Scare fest last week and a fantastic Grand in the Hand event.

Olivia- Sports update for HHS-

Jr. Girls Soccer team came in 2nd at Provincials (double overtime and shootout!)

HHS Boys Baseball team won AA Provincials for the 3rd year in a row

HHS Boys Football team had a successful year, with two wins (a first since 2017!)

HHS JV Girls Basketball tryouts are happening now

HHS Varsity Girls Basketball team has been selected

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HHS JV Boys Cross Country team placed 2nd at Provincials.

HHS Grade 10 student Orri Gionet received a bronze medal for his individual race

HHS JV Girls Cross Country team placed 3rd at Provincials.

C. Other: Kevin proposed that we move this committee's meeting time to 6 pm instead of 7 pm. The committee agreed to this change for the next meeting, and at that time will reassess how that timeslot works for the committee.

8. Next Meeting: November 27th, 2023 at 6 pm

9. Adjournment: Karla Lamb motioned for adjournment at 7:44 pm