

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
6:30PM – Digby Arena, 2nd Floor

Present: Jean Britain Peter Turnbull
 Shawna Curry Linda Gregory
 Cindy O'Neil Bob Powell
 George Manzer David MacNutt

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM by Chair, Jean Brittain.

1. **MOVED by L. Gregory, seconded by D. MacNutt, to approve the agenda with the following additions; Canando 150, Digby Curling Centre washroom, DQ Driveway, Haynes Lake and Atlantic Recreation and Facilities Conference.**

PASSED

2. **MOVED by S. Curry seconded by P. Turnbull to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015**

PASSED

3. Old Business:

- a. Bob and Cindy are having regular phone conversations with Rob Mabee from Republic. Republic is the marketing firm representing Everest. John Wall (ice maker) made a site visit to Digby to check out our facilities and equipment. The players gifts will be t-shirts from East Coast Lifestyles, the t-shirts will have the 2016 Everest Seniors Curling logo on the back. The entertainment and culture component is coming together; it will be a nice program featuring the local area.
- b. An email has been received from N.S. Alcohol and Gaming stating that the application for the Special Premises License has been approved. The email also stated the capacity within the facilities and had some restrictions. Bob, Cindy and Cara will have to meet with the Compliance Officer to review the restrictions. Waiting for the Special Premise License to arrive.
- c. Advertising for volunteer nominations has gone out. This was done through social media, emails, mail and an ad will appear in the Digby County Courier next week. The first deadline is February 12, 2016. Cindy will compile the nomination received by that date and pass on to the DARC Volunteer Committee to review. The Committee will meet following the regular Board meeting on February 17th to select a representative from the Town and Municipality. The Provincial deadline is February 19th. DARC will still accept volunteer nominations until March 4th as which all will be recognized at the local ceremony.
- d. The Recreation Manager has been in conversation with ACOA regarding the Innovative Community Fund (ICF) to promote 14 trails in Digby County. The Recreation Manager has also been in conversations with a consultant, Jim Todd. This will be a wonderful opportunity to market trails. Once there is a proposal all trails groups will be brought together to discuss. ACOA has asked not to push too hard as of yet as they do not have their priorities from the federal government.

4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by G. Manzer to approve the revised the payables in the amount of \$43,172.84**

PASSED

5. **MOVED by G. Manzer seconded by S. Curry to accept the Financial Reports as circulated.**

PASSED

6. **MOVED L. Gregory seconded by S. Curry to accept the Recreation Reports as presented.**

PASSED

7. New Business:
- a. The Active Living Coordinator in consultation with the Administrative Assistant and a couple ladies from the community are working on putting together a Women's Outdoor Weekend in September.
8. Additions to Agenda:
- a. Celebration 150: The Recreation Manager would like to put in the a proposal for the upgrades and repairs for the Digby Swimming Pool to Celebration 150 that is administered by ACOA. This grant is to be used for upgrades and/or renovations to recreation facilities. A detailed list of repairs and upgrades has been distributed to the board members.
MOVED by G. Manzer, seconded by D. MacNutt that Digby Area Recreation Commission support this project proposal depending on support from both Municipal Councils.
PASSED.
 - b. Digby Curling Centre Washroom: it was thought that the washroom in the curling centre was an accessible washroom, in fact it is not. If you are in a wheelchair, once you are in the stall you have no room to move the wheelchair around. The Recreation Manager is going to ask the Age Friendly Communities Committee for some assistance, as well approval has been received from ACOA to include in the ACOA ICF grant.
 - c. DQ Driveway: The section of paved road between Digby Arena and Dairy Queen has been blocked by the snow plow driver that Dairy Queen has contracted. This has happened before and Chutes Carpentry (DARC's snow removal contractor) has brought his tractor in and cleared it. This is technically the property is Dairy Queen's, its private property and there is nothing that can be done.
 - d. Haynes Lake: The Municipality of the District of Digby has been working with the Province of Nova Scotia over the past two years to have the DNR property located on Haynes Lake signed over to the Municipality. The Warden has signed the agreement and is waiting to hear back.
 - e. Atlantic Recreation and Facilities Conference: The conference will take place April 6-8, 2016 in Truro, N.S. If any members are interested in attending please let the Recreation Manager know.
9. Next meeting; Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at the Digby Arena, ^{2nd} Floor.
10. **MOVED by L. Gregory, seconded by G. Manzer, the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.**
PASSED