

Digby Area Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, December 16, 2015  
6:30PM – Digby Arena, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair, Jean Brittain.

1. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by L. Gregory, to approve the agenda with the following additions; Canadian Sport Tourism Association.**

**PASSED**

2. **MOVED by L. Gregory seconded by S. Curry to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015**

**PASSED**

3. Old Business:

- a. The Host Committee of the 2016 Canadian Seniors Curling is meeting monthly. The Ice Maker is making a visit in January. A big promo in local newspapers; Clare Shopper, Digby County Courier, Annapolis County Spectator, Queens County Advance and Yarmouth County Vanguard, was done to seek volunteers. Rob Hersey has a nice culture and entertainment program lined up. Phil Barrett & Ron VanTassel will be selling program ads starting in January.
- b. The Compliance Officer for Nova Scotia Alcohol and Gaming was in to confirm measurements of the Digby Curling Centre for the Special Premises License. We are revising the application to include the arena ice surface. Doing this will save time and money when we host the 2016 Canadian Seniors Curling Championships as there will be a bar on the ice surface. When organizations such as Scallop Days and Lobster Bash use the facility they will still have to apply for their own license and ours would be suspended during the event.
- c. The Recreation Manager has received two quotes for a splash pad, they both are over \$200,000.00 so it is the recommendation of the Recreation Manager and staff that this project be rejected at this time. We wanted to do water recovery and with the wading pool there we still have to remove everything and start over. Under the ACOA grant we can get 50%, however the Recreation Manager is not prepared to go to the Town and Municipality for the balance. Water & Ice North America came down to do some research on what we can do to get filter #3 running as there is a break somewhere. For the wading pool, it is a possibility that we can tap in to the existing water system, cycling warm water in and out. These upgrades would still be eligible under the ACOA 150 Celebration grant.
- d. The Provincial Volunteer Ceremony will be held at The Westin Halifax on Monday, April 4, 2016.

4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by L. Gregory to approve the revised the December payables in the amount of \$42,845.92**

**PASSED**

5. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, 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 Recreation Manager has had discussion with ACOA regarding the ICF program and Digby trails. ACOA would like us to do something different besides brochures and maps. Preliminary discussions have been held about how to make the 12 trails in Digby public knowledge and get the information out there. Some ideas include; every trail would have the same sign that would indicate that it was part of the Digby trails system and develop an app. We would have to get the coordinates for all trails as well as pictures or videos from along the trails and each trail would need to be assessed for level of difficulty. Norm from the Municipality is assisting with technical research. Trails that cannot be included are; High Cliff Trail (Wanda VanTassel) as this is private property, and the abandoned rail line from Marshalltown to Digby and Digby to Smiths Cove as these trails are not open and have not been inspected.
- b. The Recreation Manager and Active Living Coordinator meet with Jill Balsler from Fundy YMCA. Jill is working on a Welcome Package for refugee families moving into our community. DARC will compile some information in regards to recreation and sport to be part of this package.

8. Additions to Agenda:

- a. Canadian Sport Tourism Association: Cindy is registered for the 2016 Sports Congress Event in Ottawa in March. Cindy participated in a webinar on "How a DMO (destination marketing organization) can land a NSO (national sport organization) event". The presentation was with Hockey Canada, Gymnastics Canada and Baseball Canada. These organizations discussed their events that are currently open for bid with venue specifications, number of hotel room nights, expected number of participants and how you can bid on their next event.

9. Next meeting; Wednesday, January 20, 2015, at the Digby Arena, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

10. **MOVED** by L. Gregory, seconded by S. Curry, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

**PASSED**