

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
6:30PM – Digby Arena, 2nd Floor

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

Regrets: David MacNutt Shawna Curry

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair, Jean Brittain.

1. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by G. Manzer, to approve the agenda with the following additions; Hike Nova Scotia, Naming Rights.**

PASSED
2. **MOVED by L. Gregory seconded by G. Manzer to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 minutes.**

PASSED
3. Old Business:
 - a. We are coming into the last couple of weeks before the 2016 Everest Canadian Seniors Curling Championships. Lots of time and attention being focused on this event now. The program should be complete tomorrow. Posters and entertainment brochures are being printed. Ice logos are completed; this was done locally at JR Signs & Graphics. Radio advertising will start on Sunday, March 20th with AVR and CKDY, running five commercials a day for 2 weeks. The ice maker, John Wall, is arriving on Sunday, March 20th. The teams will arrive on Saturday, March 26th.
 - b. The 2016 Digby and Area Volunteer Recognition Ceremony & Dinner is Wednesday, April 1st, at the Digby Fire Hall. Invitations to the ceremony have gone out to the volunteers and their nominators. This year we will recognize 26 individual volunteers including the Town and Municipality of Digby's Provincial Volunteer representatives, 1 youth and 1 family. The Provincial Volunteer Ceremony will be held Monday, April 4th in Halifax, N.S.
 - c. The Recreation Manager called the MP office regarding the Celebration 150 grant. We will not hear anything until the federal budget is announced on March 22nd.
 - d. The Recreation Manager has talked to both CAO's regarding the DARC budget. The budget will be ready mid to late April.
 - e. A meeting was held regarding the vision of the Town trail. Nothing has changed. Bear River to Sissiboo Trails Association (BRSTA) holds the letter of authority for the abandoned rail line in the Municipality of Digby and the Town of Digby. The ten step process has been done. The vision has been completed and forwarded to Sandy Anderson. Maurice Comeau has recommended CRSTA surrender their letter of authority to the Town of Digby.
4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by L. Gregory to approve the payables in the amount of \$47,957.55.**

PASSED
5. **MOVED by G. Manzer seconded by P. Turnbull to accept the Financial Reports as circulated.**

PASSED
6. **MOVED L. Gregory seconded by R. Turnbull to accept the Recreation Reports as presented.**

PASSED

7. New Business:
 - a. A card was received from Sheila Rowe of East Ferry indicating how enjoyable and how much the seniors fitness class has benefitted her. This class is instructed by Rhonda Gidney at the Digby Neck Fire Hall.
 - b. DARC submitted applications under the Canada Summer jobs programs. We applied for Water Safety Instructor/Lifeguards and a Facility Technician. After the federal budget was announced and we found out that there was more money in the program, we wanted to apply for more students; Summer Day Camp Counsellors and a Junior Development Leadership Coordinator The first conversation with a representative of this program indicated that we could by submitting another application. A few days before the deadline another conversation was held to clarify if we had to submit a whole new application or if we could simply add on. We were told that we had to apply for a revision, they would take note that we wanted to revise our application and someone would be in touch. After the deadline a call was received stating that since it was past the deadline we could not revise our application. The recreation Manager was persistent that they find out what could be done as this was an error on their part.

8. Additions to agenda:
 - a. The Hike Nova Scotia Summit is April 29-May30, 2016 in Digby. To date 100 people have registered with one month left to go. This time last year only 38 people had registered and 94 people attended.
 - b. A call for Naming Rights of the Digby Area Recreations Facility was sent to several businesses. There have been no proposals.

9. Next meeting; Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at the Digby Arena, ^{2nd} Floor. The Audit Committee will meet at 5:30PM. This includes, Jean Brittain, Peter Turnbull and Gorge Manzer.

10. MOVED by L. Gregory, seconded by G. Manzer, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

PASSED