

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
6:30PM – Digby Arena, 2nd Floor

Present: Linda Gregory Peter Turnbull
 Shawna Curry Cindy O’Neil
 Bob Powell David MacNutt
 Matt Ross Jean Brittain

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

1. **MOVED by L. Gregory seconded by M. Ross, to approve the agenda with the following additions; Minister Ince.**

PASSED

2. **MOVED by P. Turnbull seconded by D. MacNutt to approve the minutes of November 16, 2016.**

PASSED

3. Old Business:

- a. Trees and bushes have been cleared from the south side of the Victoria Street Skate Park. This should help with visibility. The Town has also installed speed indicators.
- b. The Workplace Harassment and Discrimination had been forwarded to the insurance company. They wanted more and had asked DARC to get a legal opinion.
- c. National Volunteer week is April 23-29, 2017. The 43rd Provincial Award Ceremony is April 18th at the Westin Halifax. The Digby & Area Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.
- d. The Recreation Manager and Deputy CAO for the Municipality of the District of Digby have been having fairly high level of conversations regarding the abandoned rail line from Smith's Cove to Sissiboo. The Recreation Manager has been invited to the Municipality's retreat to talk about trails. The Town of Digby has applied for a Letter of Authority for the trail within town limits.
- e. The Municipality of the District of Digby had advertised their Citizen Representative for DARC, and we are pleased that David MacNutt will serve another term. The Town of Digby representative Shawna Curry has served two terms and according to the Town policy will have to break for a minimum of one year unless there are no other applicants.

4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded M. Ross to approve the amended payable, including prepaids, in the amount of \$32,420.80.**

PASSED

5. **MOVED by S. Curry seconded by M. Ross to accept the Financial Reports as circulated.**

PASSED

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

PASSED

Updates:

- DARC has to suspend all of the school programming due to the Work to Rule job action. The only program operating is the Open Gym program at Digby Regional High School and Saint Mary's Bay Academy. We have been reassured by funding partners that any grants money approved for these programs will stay with DARC.
- In the Facility Supervisors report, he indicated that there were issues with the brine pump. The Recreation Manager authorized the purchase of a new brine pump.

7. New Business:

- a) As Chair of the Annapolis/Digby KidSport Chapter the Administrative Assistant attended the Provincial Chapter Meeting in Halifax on November 29th. All Chairs across Nova Scotia came together for this meeting. In 2016 KidSport Nova Scotia assisted 2043 children in the amount of \$565,034.84. This is an increase of \$37,247.46 in 2015. The Annapolis/Digby Chapter spent \$20590.00 in 2015, the 2016 figures are not in yet. The top three sports funded were hockey, soccer and basket ball.
- b) The Digby Arena hours of operation during the holidays is; closing at 2pm on December 24 & 31, closed December 25, 26 & January 1. The Digby Area Recreation Office will be closed December 25-27 & January 2 and limited hours December 28-30.

8. Additions to Agenda:

- a) Minster Ince: VRCDA Meeting in Halifax for their December meeting. Minister Tony Ince was invited to attend during a part of the meeting to discuss Municipal Recreation. It was a very good discussion.

9. Next meeting; Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at the Digby Municipal Building. The AGM will be held prior to the regular board meeting at 6:30pm

**10. MOVED by L. Gregory seconded by P. Turnbull, the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.
PASSED**

Jean Brittan, DARC Chair