

Emo Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 31, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Councilor Phil Whatley, CAO/Clerk-Deputy Treasurer Crystal Gray, Public Works Superintendent Jason Smith, Administrative Services Clerk Ceri Schraa, Maria Fuhrer, Deb Degroot.

Absent: Ken Brown, John Laplante, Jamie Booth

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Resolutions:

23-16 **DEGROOT-FUHRER:** That we hereby approve the Emo Recreational Committee June 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

23-17 **FUHRER – DEGROOT:** That we hereby approve the agenda for Monday, July 31, 2023, Regular Emo Recreational Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

23-18 **DEGROOT – FUHRER:** Be it resolved that we hereby recommend proceeding with creating a policy for cancellation of Rec events due to thunderstorms.

CARRIED

23-19 **DEGROOT – FUHRER:** That we hereby request council to proceed with completion of the tennis/pickle ball courts as engineered by Saulteaux when funding is available and traffic safety can be maintained.

CARRIED

23-20 **FUHRER – DEGROOT:** That we hereby proceed with arranging a town event with vendors and garage sales that is the same day as the Kaemingh Subdivision garage sales.

CARRIED

23-21 **FUHRER – DEGROOT:** That we hereby adjourn to meet again on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed the following:

June 12 Minutes:

- Developing a Thunderstorm Policy was discussed at the June 12th meeting, but no motion was made. Deb suggested adopting the school's policy and Maria stated she could get a copy of the Fort Frances policy and send it along to Deb.
- A motion was made to proceed with creating a policy for cancellation of recreation events due to thunderstorms.
- Crystal explained possible outcomes with liability insurance regarding parking at the park.
- Sports field garage is ongoing.
- Deb to check about the pickleball net.

Terms of Reference:

- Reviewed the draft. Everyone agreed that the Purpose statement is good.
- Crystal suggested having 2 Council members and 7 members of the public. Maria suggested a range of 4-7 for public members. Deb felt trying to have that many members could be challenging.
- Jason suggested 5 members before adding a second council member.
- Phil felt 1-2 Council members and 4-7 members of the public would be a good number.
- Crystal reminded everyone that Vulnerable Sector Police Checks are required for members.
- Phil is to forward Crystal and Ceri his notes and changes for the Terms of Reference. Plan to make a motion at the next Recreation meeting.

Review of Tennis Courts:

- Maria proposed having a tender for only the fencing of the courts and doing the remainder at a later date and having one-way traffic on the street by the tennis courts to help with space limitations.
- Phil brought forth a motion that can move forward with completion of the tennis courts when financing allows and safety concerns regarding parking have been resolved. Therefore, it would be up to Council when it proceeds.
- Deb suggested having one tennis/pickle ball court plus parking for the now.

You're the Chef – Youth Program:

- Deb reported that the first day went well and the kids enjoyed it. She had 13 registered for the morning session and 8 for the afternoon session.
- Deb would like to have this program every year and would consider having it more than just one week over the summer as there was lots of interest.
- Crystal asked for some clarification as to why it was not held at the Sports Field Canteen as previously discussed. The program was held at Donald Young Elementary School after having requests from parents for it to be right in town, so that kids were able to walk over. Crystal agreed that this made sense for parents that were working.
- There was a discussion about a cooking with seniors' program. Phil mentioned that a program like this had been done before and there was low interest.

Soccer & Baseball:

- The baseball windup BBQ went well. Jason reported that there were probably 150 attendees.
- The final day of soccer went well and had a good turnout. Overall, the season was a success with excellent coaches and help for the season.
- Maria has requested to have the soccer net measurements on file to keep track of the sizes better.

Community Garage Sale:

- Deb spoke with Cheryl Foster regarding when the subdivision has their combined garage sales. She didn't have an exact date but knew it would be mid-September.
- Maria suggested joining up with the Highway 602 garage sales on August 26th. Phil expressed concern with doing it the same day as 602.
- Deb proposed having it in September and making it more of a community event with vendors along with the garage sales. The Legion could be a possibility for the vendors to set up. Maria was concerned that September was too late, and the weather could be a concern.
- Deb to find out a date for September and will let the office know.

Next meeting is August 28, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.