

Emo Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Councilor Phil Whatley, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Ceri Schraa, Deb DeGroot, Ken Brown, Councilor Lisa Teeple, CAO/Clerk Treasurer Crystal Gray, Public Works Superintendent Jason Smith.

Absent: John Laplante (prior notice given via email), Maria Fuhrer (no notice given)

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Resolutions:

23-27 **DEGROOT – BROWN:** That we hereby approve the agenda for Monday, November 27, 2023, Regular Emo Recreational Committee meeting.

CARRIED

23-28 **DEGROOT – BROWN:** That we hereby approve the Emo Recreational Committee October 30, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

23-29 **BROWN – DEGROOT:** Resolve that request be made to Council for up to \$600.00 to cover food for Family Day if not covered by sponsors.

CARRIED

23-30 **BROWN – DEGROOT:** That we hereby adjourn to meet again on January 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed the following:

General updates:

- Crystal Gray clarified about declaring a Conflict of Interest.
- Phil updated on recreation discussions from the Council meeting. Committee members do not direct staff. All requests must go to the CAO. The CAO will then delegate to staff as needed.
- Crystal went over protocol for approving minutes from previous meetings.
- Police checks – Phil had submitted the revised letter and now must get fingerprints done. Deb must submit the revised letter. No other updates.

Barbeques & Sports equipment use:

- Renting out the barbeques is not an option due to liability. They will be kept for recreation events only such as Soccer and baseball windups.
- There was some discussion regarding an equipment exchange program. Deb offered that she could potentially help with organizing this. However, she would need to see how other communities run this type of program.
- Lisa Teeple updated everyone on the plans for renovations in the upstairs hall area of the arena. The suggestion of storing equipment there and loaning it out for public use is not an option. The current equipment shed at the Sports Field is not an option through the winter because that area is not plowed. The curling rink is not fit for storage either.

Recreation Budget:

- Phil went over the current protocol for Recreation getting approval on expenditures from Council.
- Crystal clarified how it would work if recreation had an operating budget. A list of events and programs would have to be decided prior to making a budget to show what the funds would be getting put towards. A list of past events and programs was provided to Phil prior to the meeting.
- Deb expressed that too many events/programs would be too much for the Recreation Committee because it is such a small group.
- Crystal suggested reaching out to members of the community for organizing. Need to advertise as there are people in the community that aren't on the committee but would be willing to assist with planning events.
- Lisa Teeple suggested reaching out to the library to potentially partner with for events/programs.
- It was decided that in the future there would be potential for having a budget, but it will be put on hold for now until the committee has had more time to evaluate what events/programs they would like to have over the next year.

Family Day 2024:

- Reviewed what was planned for Family Day 2023 and it was decided that similar plans would be organized for 2024.
- Crystal advised that a letter should be addressed to the arena about renting the ice as soon as possible to be included in the next Council meeting.
- The committee decided that they would reach out to businesses that didn't sponsor the Spring Fever Days Family Fun Event for sponsorship for this event. Ceri will provide the list of sponsors from Spring Fever Days 2023.
- A resolution was made to ask Council for up to \$600.00 to cover the food for Family Day 2024 if not covered by sponsors.
- Coupons will be used again, the first 150 people will receive a coupon for a free hotdog, drink, and cookie. Phil will contact Ging Taylor about the cost and if she is available to have the canteen open that day.

- Crystal brought forth to have a list of sponsors visible at events for recognition and to promote sponsorship. Ken said he could provide or create a sponsor board. Jason suggested borrowing the Fire Department's equipment and creating a slide show with company logos if possible.

Next meeting will be January 29th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.