



Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

5:30pm April 15th, 2021

Norman Wells

Present by phone: Alex, Trevor, Alexis, Nicky, Ava

Meeting started at 5:36pm

Block Parent Program

Meeting Started at 5:48pm

There were no changes needed to the agenda.

Block Parent Program

Discussions begin on the block parent program which was brought up to council and deferred to the committees.

- Alexis mentions her committee is also scheduled to review this program as well.
- Nicky feels this might be something for the big city, and not really for Norman Wells.
- Trevor echoes Nicky's statement.
- Nicky mentions if this were happening here, it would be more a municipal thing than a neighbourhood thing.
- Alexis mentions her committee will look as well and bring back feedback to council.
- Trevor asks the committee if all on the same page were in agreeing this is not something we see fit here.
- Everyone on the call agrees.

Black Bear Jamboree

The discussion on Black Bear Jamboree begins.

- Alex mentions its tough to determine the details of the event right now because the public health measures are scheduled to change at the end of the month. But the timeframe or which weekend we would like to have it can be a discussion.

- Trevor mentions maybe we look at bringing a recommendation to council that will ask the territorial health to adjust restrictions for Norman Wells because we have had high vaccination rates and are isolated.
- Alex refers to several recent events where participants had to be turned away because of capacity issues.
- Nicky mentions she heard the same thing from community members and its unfortunate for families and participants to go through that and not be allowed to attend.
- Trevor recommends that the committee vote on a recommendation to council that will ask the town at looking to have a letter sent to public health.
- Alexis mentions we cannot really vote on it now, but it can be done by email.
- Trevor asks if Alex can do something like that for tomorrow morning, Alex agrees.
- Alex continues with Black Bear and asks the committee what kind of weekend works best, a regular or a long weekend.
- Nicky mentions we should be consistent and keep the event on the same weekend it was last time which is the September long weekend.
- Trevor mentions our goal with it was to make it a big event worth while to coming to town for, its different right now with covid, but going forward we should keep it the same weekend.
- Alex mentions we will aim for the same weekend to keep it consistent. Reiterates we should not decide details yet until the territory releases updated emerging wisely.
- Rest of the committee agrees and concludes the conversation.

Forum

- Nicky mentions she has one thing, and it was about the engagement for the draft master plan.
- Alex responds saying we had good feedback and participation through the council and public engagements. Excited to see the final draft in a couple of weeks.
- Alexis had nothing.
- Alex had another thing in addition to the rec plan. Mentioned the Norman Wells Tourism Improvement Plan was approved by ITI. Recommends a meeting with the Planning Committee to discuss the details on this project.
- Trevor and the committee agree, Alex mentions he will come back with dates.
- Trevor has nothing.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.