

RECREATION AND CULTURE COST SHARING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday January 13th 2016

10:00 A.M.

MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS – COUNCIIL CHAMBERS
3131 OLD PERTH ROAD

PRESENT:

Mississippi Mills

Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager
Val Wilkinson, Councillor
Paul Watters, Councillor
Diane Smithson CAO
Shaun McLaughlin Mayor

Carleton Place

Ross Trimble, Councillor
Phil Hogan, Treasurer
Joanne Henderson, Manager of Recreation & Culture
Louis Antonakos, Mayor

Beckwith

Richard Kidd, Reeve
Cassandra McGregor, Recreation Director

OTHER:

Jill McCubbin, Councillor - Mississippi Mills
Denzil Ferguson, Councillor - Mississippi Mills
Alex Gillis, Councillor – Mississippi Mills
Bernard Cameron, Councillor – Mississippi Mills
John Edwards, Councillor – Mississippi Mills
Doug Black, Councillor – Carleton Place
Sharon Mousseau – Deputy Reeve Beckwith
Pam Harris – CEO/Librarian – Mississippi Mills

Chairperson Councillor Paul Watters called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved by Ross Trimble
Seconded by Val Wilkinson**

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Chairperson requested that any member having a pecuniary interest declare it now or at the time of discussion. There were no disclosures by Committee members at this time.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Phil Hogan

Seconded by Richard Kidd

That the minutes of the meeting held on Oct 7th, 2015 be approved as circulated and read.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

Howard Allan- Review of the current cost sharing agreement between Mississippi Mills, Carleton Place and Beckwith.

- Mr. Allan provided the committee with an overall review and history of the cost sharing agreement between all three municipalities; he stated that the agreement was last reviewed in 2001. The committee was given an opportunity to ask questions.

Chairperson Paul Watters asked that item E2 in the agenda (Amendment to the Cost Sharing Terms of Agreement) under Mississippi Mills be moved forward in the agenda for discussion at this time.

- Mayor Shaun McLaughlin provided an overview of the report prepared by the CAO in Mississippi Mills for the Joint Recreation Cost Sharing Committee. He explained that given the fact that the Cost Sharing agreement had not been reviewed for some time that perhaps there was a need for the agreement to be looked at again to determine if changes should be made.

After a lengthy discussion on the Cost Sharing Agreement by the Committee the following motion was prepared:

Moved by Richard Kidd

Seconded by Val Wilkinson

THAT the Recreation and Culture Cost Sharing Committee recommend to the respective Municipal Councils that Howard Allan be retained at a cost of \$500 per municipality to complete a review of recreation costs on a per household and per capita basis for each of the three partners of the Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement and work with the Recreation staff in each of the municipalities to conduct a review and make recommendations regarding the spheres of influence used for the cost sharing calculations.

MOTION DEFEATED

E. BUSINESS

1. Town of Carleton Place - Updates

- An open house took place in the fall of 2015 regarding a new outdoor rink and movement of the existing tennis courts in Carleton Place. They are currently looking to relocate these items behind the arena.
- A Public meeting took place for the arena dressing room expansion in Carleton Place with the hope that this work will be completed in 2017.
- A new diving board will be installed in 2016 at the Carleton Place Pool.

2. Municipality of Mississippi Mills – Updates

- Mississippi Mills was successful in receiving Trillium funding for two projects
 1. Almonte Curling Club – Kitchen renovations \$7,000 grant was received. 70% funding of a \$10,000 project.
 2. Almonte Tennis Club- Structural foundation repairs to the Almonte Tennis Courts. \$35,000 grant was received. 50% funding of a \$70,000 project.
- A public meeting will take place on Thursday February 11th from 7 p.m – 9 p.m in the Auditorium of the Almonte Old Town Hall concerning the development of the Mill Run Subdivision park.
- Gemmill Park Master Plan – A committee is working on completing a Master plan for Gemmill Park. The hope is to finalize the plan shortly and begin implementation in 2016. Funds have been allocated in the 2016 budget for work to take place.

3. Township of Beckwith

- A committee has been struck to review and discuss a possible splash pad and playground in Beckwith.
- Ski trailing course for beginner cross country skiers is set to take place the weekend of January 23rd.
- A new generator for the arena/soccer dome has been purchased and installed in Beckwith. The cost of the generator was \$137,000.
- This spring, as part of the 200th anniversary celebration, a canoe paddling day has been planned where participants can paddle from Franktown to Ashton.
- A 2017 Provincial football team maybe in the works through the Ontario Football League.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Canada 150th Anniversary

The Town of Carleton Place has set up a committee to review and discuss ideas. They are looking for Public input.

Beckwith plans on doing their fireworks show on New Year's Eve again in 2016 and are working on Legacy projects for 2016/2017.

Mississippi Mills has designated Gemmill Park as one of its main areas of focus for Canada's 150th anniversary.

G. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m in Beckwith.

H. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Ross Trimble
Seconded by Joanne Henderson
That the meeting be adjourned.**

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Calvin Murphy, Recording Secretary