



## **RSC 12 Recreation Committee**

Meeting of March 18, 2015– Hartland Town Hall

### **Attendance:**

Brian Hayden (Chair)  
Jim Kennedy  
Craig Melanson  
Paul Bradley  
Chris Stacey  
Kent Kuhn  
Kelly Foster, Woodstock Recreation Director  
Jo-Anne Lockhart (Executive Director)

### **Regrets:** Jennifer Bear

Tanya Hawkes, Hartland Recreation Director

### **Absent:** Jill Hunter

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6.30 p.m. by the Chair.

**Conflict of Interest Declaration:** None

**Agenda:** Brian Hayden requested the following additions to the agenda:

- a) Report from Deputy Minister of Environment and Local Government, Rob Kelly
- b) North/South split
- c) Kids at Risk – Craig Melanson

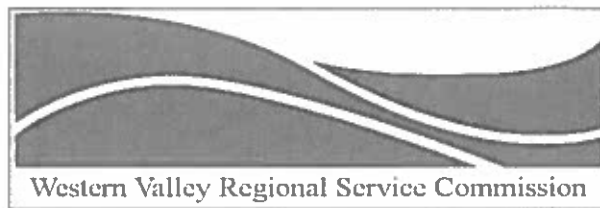
It was moved by Jim Kennedy and seconded by Craig Melanson that the agenda be adopted as amended.

**Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Craig Melanson asked if there had been any response regarding the asset mapping to be completed by WVRSC Planning Department. Jo-Anne Lockhart suggested the specifications and timeline be drafted and forwarded to the Planning Department. Craig Melanson commented the Next Steps were out of step because the February 15, 2015 meeting was cancelled due to weather.

It was moved by Craig Melanson and seconded by Paul Bradley to accept the February 3, 2015 meeting minutes.

**Motion carried.**

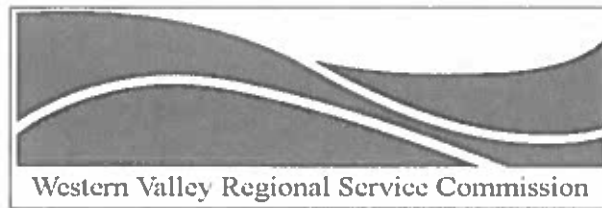


## **RSC 12 Recreation Committee**

Meeting of March 18, 2015– Hartland Town Hall

### **Business Arising:**

- **2014 Recreation Survey**
  - Jo-Anne Lockhart gave Jim Kennedy the \$100 MasterCard gift certificate for presentation at the March 24, 2015 Board meeting. Kent Kuhn will forward to Jo-Anne Lockhart the communities who completed the recreation survey and are therefore eligible for the draw.
- **Terms of Reference**
  - Members received a copy of the Terms of Reference prior to the meeting and had several suggestions for improvement. Jo-Anne Lockhart will update and provide a copy for the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015 for approval, and subsequently to the Board for approval on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.
- **Master Plan**
  - As the half-day facilitated session planned for Sunday, February 15, 2015 to brainstorm and prepare the submission to Department of Healthy and Inclusive Communities (DHIC) was cancelled due to weather, it was questioned if another session was necessary. Since the submission was submitted and the funds approved by DHIC, it was agreed this type of session would still be beneficial, but it should be held at a later date once we are closer to finalizing the Master Plan Request for Proposal (RFP).
  - Jo-Anne Lockhart reported a letter dated March 3, 2015 was received from Grant Sinclair, DHIC, confirming the fund approval of \$54,000; receipt should be within the next few weeks.
  - Kent Kuhn informed the Committee there were 5 other recreation projects underway by the commissions in the province; therefore, WVRSC should move quickly to secure a consultant for the Master Plan RFP. It was confirmed by Jim Kennedy the RFP proposals do not have to be in French as well as English. Kent Kuhn affirmed there was no timeline on when the funds had to be spent.
  - Craig Melanson raised the question of who knew of a consultant with recreational experience who would be capable of preparing the RFP. Suggestions for a consultant are to be forwarded to Jo-Anne Lockhart by Friday, March 20, 2015. Kelly Foster stated she would confirm if Ken Harding was the person who prepared the Woodstock RFP for the recreation centre (Kelly confirmed it was). Kent Kuhn indicated he would investigate some consultants (response was Barb Ramsey of Fredericton and Amulet Consulting).



## **RSC 12 Recreation Committee**

Meeting of March 18, 2015– Hartland Town Hall

- A meeting will be Monday, March 30, 2015 at the Woodstock office to brainstorm the Master Plan RFP.
- Craig Melanson suggested the committee ask at the March 24, 2015 Board meeting for approval to move ahead with the Master Plan RFP.

### **New Business:**

#### ○ **Deputy Minister Report**

- Brian Hayden reported on his discussions with Rob Kelly, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Environment (ELG), regarding surplus provincial lands. An RSC can purchase surplus lands for \$1 from the province in the same manner as a municipality.
- Brian Hayden indicated the land could be sold for additional income to the RSC or leased for rental income.
- Brian Hayden stated the ELG is looking to the Commission to break the ice on this issue and encouraged thoughts be put in writing and forwarded to the ELG.
- There was discussion about why the Province would want to give up these surplus lands; the decline in popularity of provincial parks, and an opportunity for an increase in tax assessment.
- Several members expressed their opinion this issue appeared to be more of an economic development one than recreational.

#### ○ **St. Croix Waterway**

- Brian Hayden stated a letter dated February 17, 2015 had been sent from WVRSC to Doug Goss, Co-Chairperson of St. Croix International Waterway Commission (SCIWC) with a copy to the Minister and Deputy Minister of ELG, Minister of Natural Resources and Chief Paul of the Woodstock First Nation regarding the lack of consultation about the SCIWC's draft multi-year management plan. A request was made to halt the approval process for the management plan until consultation had occurred with WVRSC and the affected LSD's. Brian Hayden shared the February 21, 2015 letter received from Mr. Goss assuring the Commission the management plan was a draft and had not been adopted by the SCIWC Board. Mr. Goss admitted WVRSC was omitted by an oversight from the consultation process and there will be another opportunity to provide input when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have affirmed the plan. An invitation was extended to meet the Commission to discuss WVRSC's concerns.



## **RSC 12 Recreation Committee**

Meeting of March 18, 2015– Hartland Town Hall

- Brian Hayden expressed a concern the SCIWC may be trying to squash the RSC's rights to the waterway as all the streams which run into the waterway are within the SCIWC's jurisdiction. The plan will be effective until 2025 which means there would be no development along with waterway.
- **North/South Split**
  - Brian Hayden spoke to the idea of a North/South split for recreation for WVRSC. Paul Bradley questioned whether there were enough children in the North to justify such a split and asked Kent Kuhn how many children are in programmes. Kent Kuhn responded the Recreation departments should have the numbers.
  - Kelly Foster pointed out the travel distances between North and South is a hardship on families.
- **Kids at Risk**
  - Craig Melanson spoke to Kids at Risk. There was discussion about how Pro Kids could be helped and the impact of new user fees on recreational activities being prohibitive, especially for kids at risk. It was stated councillors need to be aware of what the situation is.
  - Kent Kuhn informed the Committee Pro Kids have not had to turn anyone away yet, but at times it has been close. Canadian Tire has been a very supportive sponsor.

**It was moved by Craig Melanson to adjourn the meeting at 7.50 p.m.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Brian Hayden, Chair**