

*Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council*

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, November 13, 2015				Report Date	Wednesday, November-11-15			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

## Recreation Committee Update 2015- Report #13/11/15/1202

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**Subject:**

A review of the activities, failures and successes of the Recreation Committee – from a budgeting perspective.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the Recreation Committee Budget as incorporated into the draft municipal operating budget.

Resolution #1

**WHEREAS** the Recreation Committee, with staff assistance, have drafted a budget for 2016 including some purchasing decisions which align with past Council practise;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby accept the draft Recreation Budget as presented.

Resolution #2

**WHEREAS** the Recreation Committee has raised funds for and would like to purchase and install a play structure on the municipal grounds in Stonecliffe;

**AND WHEREAS** the Recreation Committee has raised the funds required for and has ordered a slide for Old Mackey Park;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has ultimate authority over capital purchases and municipal property;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby authorize staff to purchase and install, on municipal property in Stonecliffe, a play structure purchased with recreation committee raised funds and including \$2,000 committed to the purchase of a slide by Council in 2013.

## **BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

### Resolution #1

So far only successes. After its first full year of operations, the Recreation Committee (and sub-committees) have successfully assisted staff in hosting and facilitating public events raising over \$25,000. Remaining profit is estimated at approximately \$8,000 to be carried over to 2016.

The 2016 Budget, attached, show anticipated revenues of \$32,164 with a profit of \$16,000 for recreational use.

From funds raised in 2015 purchases/donations include:

- Donations to the North Renfrew Family Services in the amount of \$750 - budgeted – proceeds from New Year's Eve event;
- Equipment to host pickle ball in the community centre;
- A park bench installed beside the Veteran's Memorial;
- Folding picnic tables with umbrellas and tents to be used for recreation events;
- \$700 to be used for Veteran's Memorial upkeep and improvements;
- Pots, pans, knives, cutting boards etc. for the community centre kitchen;
- Funds set aside to rent an inflatable bounce castle/play structure for Canada Day celebrations in 2016 and 2017;
- A combination play structure and slide for Old Mackey Park (in conjunction with funds donated)
- Funds saved to purchase an additional play structure to be installed in Stonecliffe, pending Council approval.

Events held or facilitated in 2015 include:

- St. Patrick's Day
- Canada Day
- Ball Tournaments with Canteen and Community Breakfasts
- New Year Eve
- Trail Side Café
- 50-60s Dance
- Fish Fry
- Wild Game Dinner and Hunter's Ball
- Children's Programming

Planned events for 2016 include:

- St. Patrick's Day
- Canada Day
- Ball Tournaments – 2
- New Year's Eve
- Trail Side Café
- Open Mic Nights
- Children's Programming

With this many events, the required planning, and our limited number of volunteers (who also volunteer for other organizations) volunteer burnout is likely. We have people willing to come out to help at events but the planning and accounting functions are an added

burden. This is one area where a new, one day a week, Recreation position would help to continue recreational and increased fitness activities within the community.

#### Resolution #2

The number of children living in Stonecliffe has been increasing albeit in a very slow manner. Increased use of the municipal hall has brought to light the lack of activities for visiting children especially during outdoor events such as the ball tournaments. Without alternate activities children have had to be deterred from playing on the cargo containers and propane tanks.

Members of the Recreation committee suggested a play structure be installed on the grounds here in Stonecliffe. The committee has committed to funds pending council's approval of location.

A basketball net has been installed on the heli-pad with the ball stored in the municipal office. Of course, people can always bring their own.

The \$2,000 noted above was allocated as council's contribution to a slide for Old Mackey Park back in 2013 pending grant funding. The grant was never applied for (time constraints). The recreation committee agreed to purchase a slide/play structure for Old Mackey Park. This resolution is simply transferring the location of Council's committed \$2,000 – same purpose, different location.

#### Options/Discussion:

#### Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Council has funded attendance by volunteers (and staff) at the annual ROAR conference where new ideas and strategies are learned. The challenge is finding time to bring them to fruition once back here.

#### Policy Impact:

As per policy.

#### Others Consulted:

Recreation Committee through their budget.  
Noella LeBreton, Treasurer  
Gayle Watters, Admin Assistant  
Crystal Fischer, Admin Assistant

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk

*Melinda Reith*