

MEETING AGENDA
Social Programming in HCM

Saturday, April 5, 2014 – 13:00 h.

Attendees: Reeve Stewart, Councillor Reid, Cathy Balla-Boudreau, Marion Chaput, Marlene Gibson, Linda Chartrand, Gayle Watters, June Vaughn, Cathy Sutherland, David Balla –Boudreau, Merridith Line, Councillor Gibson, Al Line, Councillor Grills, Bob Grills, John Reith, Paul Sarrazin, Kim Knight, Carl Lentz;

Clerk: Melinda Reith - 19 people plus me.

1. Introduction and Explanation of Meeting Process – Reeve Stewart

- a. This is not a Council meeting where motions are introduced and as such no decisions of Council will be made. It is for information only.
- b. This meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to express their opinions and ask questions of members of Council.
- c. To facilitate this session, all comments will be made through the chair. You must be recognized prior to speaking.
- d. When you are recognized by the chair, you should stand, state your name and your comment or question.
- e. All comments will become part of the public record.
- f. Although expressions of opinion are welcome; comments based on specific decisions of Council should be restricted to statements of fact or questions. Suggestions or recommendations should be supported by concrete evidence.
- g. As per our Procedure By-law no one person will be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes at a time.
- h. Parliamentary rules of decorum are to be obeyed.
- i. All comments shall be germane to the issue at hand and to issues of Council responsibility.
- j. All comments must be courteous and respectful and no one may impugn the motives of another.

- k. Delegates are to be respectful of everyone in attendance including Council, the Public and Staff and are not to use offensive words or gestures, un-parliamentary language, disobey the rules of civil procedure or any decision or direction of Council.

2. Meeting Goal:

- a. Public input into programming for social activity, exercise, health, wellness and recreation for 2014 and future.
 - b. Brainstorm ideas for Council sponsored social activity, physical activity, exercise, children's, seniors, intergenerational and recreational programming in HCM. Much can be done with little cost, only requiring volunteer effort and time.
- Cathy Balla-Boudreau - music, Old Mackey Park, children's program, Nature trails,
 - Marion Chaput - programs in evening for people who work; Evenings of sharing crafts;
 - Marlene Gibson – hall use; minimal cost as possible; interest;
 - Linda Chartrand – prices for hall rental comparable with area;
 - Gayle Watters – crafting, bitch n' stitch – teach or get together; social activities – for four hamlets together, entice northern area;
 - Cathy Sutherland – curiously – what's in the works, how would a new social program affect what is currently going on;
 - David Balla –Boudreau – more community activities, range of whatever in wanted, use the hall more, don't see that everybody needs to be involved in everything; Old Mackey Park;
 - Merredith Line – Old Mackey Park – good start there, utilized for more – BBQ, music fest, outdoor films; yoga – activities to continue, hall has had a lot of

work done – use it, wondered about baseball diamond – looks so lonely; if interest to develop it; cross-country skiing and walking – railway trail;

- Jim Gibson – as Councillor – concern as a councillor – don't think it's council's position to provide entertainment for the ratepayers – but to act as a facilitator to provide events. New Year's Eve –work of volunteers. After 2014 should fund itself – pendulum swing from spending nothing to going too far. Use municipal funds to facilitate volunteers in their efforts but not to fund on a regular basis.
- Debbi Grills – talk at the table about these issues, want to listen today, feel that one of the big successes of this community is because of grass roots activity. If people want something, we encourage them as a council, will help fund but comes from the bottom up. Wording – recreation committee has negative connotation. People are coming up with innovative ideas – as Council should be open to those ideas. Personally – interested in outdoor activities. Hiking trails etc.
- Bob Grills – don't have any particular interest other than to hear what everyone else has to say. Fabulous facility which can be used for many things.
- John Reith – like the social aspect, not a direct committee per se. But have to move forward, volunteer driven, committee is instrumental in helping people achieve what they want to achieve. Don't tie what a social/leisure committee does with Council. Should be distinct.
- Paul Sarrazin – involved with recreation in 70's. Ballfield. If we had what was here now, we'd still be going. People were burned out. Looking forward to working with others, little more time.
- Kim Knight – yoga shop, on behalf of Peter McLaggan. Would like to offer chair yoga for people who are interested. Leadership training for children.

Help people get over the fear of public speaking – speaking circles. Good for children – leadership. Willing to help with fundraising.

- Carl Lentz – like the idea of community coming together. Good ideas heard here today. Enjoy social aspect, like to see more community activities. I was involved in volunteering for community activities at one time. Once you got in, nobody else wanted to help.
- Bob Reid – I believe we need to go in a social direction. Lived here 10 years, most I know – run into on the streets. Not usually due to activities where we all meet. Hall use, outdoor hunting, fishing clubs.
- Tammy Stewart – reinvent the committee with a different spin on it. Demographics are different. Services offered by Kim are great. Foresee this as some involvement by council but we're just not that great at it. This is your community. Your parks, waterways, everything. You have to tell us what you want. If you don't tell us, we can try and it won't work. Has to come from you. Eg. St. Patrick's Day. Want to be there to help you do it. Idea might not work the first time, might work one time and not the next. More ideas, learning process move with it. Please fill out the survey.

1. Program Goal:

- a. The goal of any program is to comply with Provincial and Federal guidelines governing health and wellness including but not limited to:
 - i. promotion of exercise and physical activity for all ages;
 - ii. promotion of volunteerism;
 - iii. social inclusion and outreach;
 - iv. intergenerational activity;
 - v. development, encouragement and improvement of community spirit;
 - vi. some potential for revenue generation;

- vii. Reduce time commitment of staff;

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Explained in mail out.

Council has provided direction to staff on the following issues; they will be brought back to Council for decision at a subsequent meeting. They are included for your information.

2. Part I – Legislation - information
3. Part II – Committee and Staffing – formation of committee – volunteers
 - a. The committee will not be in charge of being on site for every event whether initiated by Council or not. Terms of reference need to be created. Details to be worked out.
 - b. New committee to determine name.
4. Part III – Fees and Costs – to come back to Council
 - a. Price too high for rentals for private parties.
 - b. Price with or without bar and kitchen.
 - c. Per hour rate to a maximum.
 - d. Purpose – community involved – lower rate; personal profit – increased rate; geography should not be a concern. Commercial should pay, if doing something beneficial to people in the community – should negotiate rate.
 - e. Small home based business group – interested in moving around.
 - f. Private functions are different – costs of rental will need to be paid.
 - g. Capital costs – 3-5% in a fund to cover costs of maintenance. Ordinary maintenance should be taken out of the conversation.
 - h. Sliding rental fees for bars – private parties – deposit.
 - i. Yacht and tennis club \$500 – wedding 124 people – use kitchen. Hall from Friday to Sunday. Club gets bar receipts.
 - j. Under and over 100 people- \$x hour to a maximum.

5. Part IV – Policies - to come back to Council

- a. Emergency Management – social responsibility to open hall to assist people who are stranded. Telephone tree to use during emergencies. Monitored by Recreation committee. Policy of Council... hall open to public.

Council has determined that social programming is important in the community with all members in agreement with the general concept. The goal now is to determine what ratepayers would like to participate in so that efforts and assets are being used appropriately. Council welcomes specific suggestions and debate on the following:

6. Part V – Council Sponsored Events and Programming

7. Part VI – Programming

- a. Old Mackey Park – increase use by allowing dogs; separate areas?

8. Part VII – Senior Specific Programming

9. Part VIII – Exercise and Physical Activity Programming

10. Part IX – Equipment and purchasing

- a. Ceramics and pottery - Kiln ~300 molds, willing to donate to the committee – Reid's

11. Part X - General Considerations for Hall Use

12. Part XI - Financial Considerations/Budget Impact – Grant Opportunities

13. Open Session for all other topics – Committee Name – leave for committee

14. Thank you and adjournment – Reeve Stewart.

Open floor to suggestions:

David Balla-Boudreau – stagger times, 3 year term – every year, three new people; some people on a one year term, some on a two year term. At end of the first year, looking for only two new people. Provides continuity.

Jim Gibson – upside – people who might want to try but not make a long commitment. If I don't like it, I can back out. Easier for fence sitters to step up to the plate.

Paul Sarrazin – not a matter of taking on jobs for the whole community – delegation.

Debbi Grills – coming from the bottom up. How many meetings per year.

Tammy Stewart – designated meetings every second month but special meetings.

Or, some committee members work with volunteers so that not all members have to be at all meetings – delegation. Still need the core group.

David Balla-Boudreau – volunteerism not delegation. If you come up with something, you come with energy and volunteers. Committee will facilitate.

Jim Gibson – Missing link Snowmobile Club – for emergency people at the hall – would they donate their vests to identify and cambros.

Committee members – Paul Sarrazin, Gayle Watters, Marion Chaput, Merredith Line,

If you are interested in participating in the committee, please contact the Clerk at your earliest convenience. The issue will be brought back to Council at the next meeting for further consideration.

Note* Alternate formats and communication supports are available on request.