THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
JANUARY 15, 2024 JOINT RECREATION AND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
IN-PERSON AT THE PUSLINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE –
23 BROCK RD S, PUSLINCH

A G E N D A

DATE: January 15, 2024
MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

≠ Denotes resolution prepared

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Reflection
4. Confirmation of the Agenda ≠
5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
6. Delegations
7. Consent Agenda ≠
8. Reports ≠
    - 8.1. Introductions
    - 8.2. Ice Breaker Activity – Would You Rather
    - 8.3. Report – JRY-2024-001 – Recreation Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives Review
    - 8.4. Report – JRY-2024-002 – Boreham Park Green Legacy Tree Planting
    - 8.5. Committee Memo - MEMO-2024-001 – Recreational Programming Survey
    - 8.6. Committee Memo - MEMO-2024-002 – Millennium Garden
9. Correspondence
10. Announcements
11. Notice of Motion

12. New Business

13. Adjournment ≠

REPORT JRY-2024-001

TO: Recreation Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee Co-Chairs and Members of Committee

PREPARED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

PRESENTED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Recreation Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives Review

RECOMMENDATION

That Report JRY-2024-001 entitled Recreation Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives Review be received for information.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Recreation Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee with each Committee's Goals and Objectives.

Background

This report is to provide the opportunity for both committees to discuss and collaborate on their respective Goals and Objectives.

The 2024 Youth Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives are:

Goals and Objectives	Sub-Committee Leader(s)
Safe Communities Bike Rodeo	Ayla Panylo
Optimist Canada Day	Katey Whaling
Aberfoyle Agricultural Society Fall Fair	Talia Wineberg
Local Government Week	Kenzo Szatori, Aaron Dochstader
Year End Economic Development Event	TBD

The 2022 to 2026 Recreation Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives are:

Goal/Objective	Person(s) Responsible	2022-2026 Status/Timeline Update
Regular Reporting to Council on Recreation initiatives and progress	Secretary of the Committee	Provide two annual reports to Council each year. 1) Complete - Approval of Committee Goals and Objectives 2) Progress reports of Committee Goals and Objectives
Recreation Facilities Promotion	Sub-Committee	Sub-committee is waiting for Council direction in regards to the service levels of facilities going forward.
Engagement Opportunities	Sub-Committee	Sub-committee working on survey for promotion the Seniors Active Living Centre Program Expansion Grant. An update is provided in Committee Memo – Survey.
Community Liaison	Sub-committee	Sub-committee to liaise with community groups regarding following: - Fundraising Opportunities for the Parks Revitalization Projects - Fundraising opportunities for Puslinch Community Centre Electronic Sign Replacement - Wayne Stokley Trail Bench development of Goals/Objectives proposal
Open Gym on PD days	Secretary of the Committee	Committee has suggested having Open Gym times on PA days from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and additionally recommends having Parent and Tot open gym programming in the mornings one day a week.
Parks Master Plan Update	Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities	Provide verbal update regarding the Parks Master Plan at each Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting.

Financial Implications

Budget for the Recreation and Youth Advisory Committees for 2025 will be established as part of the 2025 budget process if required.

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Engagement Opportunities

None

Attachments

None

REPORT JRY-2024-002

TO: Joint Youth and Recreation Advisory Committee

PREPARED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

PRESENTED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Boreham Park Green Legacy Tree Planting

RECOMMENDATIONS

That staff report JRY-2024-002 regarding the Boreham Park Green Legacy Tree Planting be received for information; and,

That the following two members from the Recreation Advisory Committee be appointed to the Boreham Park Sub-Committee:

_____; and,
_____; and,

That the following two members from the Youth Advisory Committee be appointed to the Boreham Park Sub-Committee:

_____; and,
_____; and,

That the Committees endorse the action plan as presented in the report.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Joint Youth and Recreation Advisory Committee with information on Council's direction with regards to connecting with Green Legacy to explore planting additional trees at Boreham Park.

Background

At the October 26, 2023 Council Meeting, the Council discussed the resolved as follows:

Resolution No. 2023-351: Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Council endorses staff's recommendations to include landscaping to delineate the playground at Boreham Park from the ditch line at a cost of $2.5K to be incorporated into the Boreham Park construction project; and,

That Council request the Recreation Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee to connect with Green Legacy to investigate the opportunity to plant additional trees at Boreham Park and that public feedback be sought prior to proceeding with plantings.

CARRIED

Comments

Staff recommend the following action plan with respect to Council's direction:

1. Sub-committee work to develop a public feedback plan.
2. Sub-committee to contact Green Legacy regarding procurement of trees.
3. Letters be sent to residents around Boreham Park regarding the feedback opportunity.
4. Sub-committee report back to joint Committee at the May 6, 2024 meeting with feedback and provide recommendation to Council at that meeting.

Financial Implications

Sub-committee to explore financial implications through researching Green Legacy's program and report back to the Committee at the May 6, 2024 meeting.

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Attachments

None

COMMITTEE MEMO

TO:	Recreation Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee Co-Chairs and Members of Committee
FROM:	Jessica Goyda and Joanna Jefferson
MEETING DATE:	January 15, 2024
SUBJECT:	Recreational Programming Survey

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee Memo MEMO-JRY-2024-001 entitled Recreational Programming Survey be received for information; and,

That the following members of the Youth Advisory Committee volunteer at the Optimist Club Annual Fish Fry;

_____.

Purpose

To gauge interest from the community so that the Township can promote its facilities to organizations who may be able or interested in providing programming within its facilities.

Background

As part of the 2022-2026 Recreation Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives, the committee established a sub-committee to seek out engagement opportunities within the Township. In addition, Council referred to the Recreation Advisory Committee to engage with the community regarding promotion of the Provincial Seniors Active Living Centre Program Expansion Grant. The Engagement Sub-Committee is proposing a survey to obtain feedback from the community to assist with this goal/objective.

The Township of Puslinch does not offer any organized recreational, social or educational programming within its facilities. The Township does not have the resources to offer and execute programming, however, the Township does recognize the value these programs can bring to the community and wish to gauge interest from residents in regards to what types of programs would be of interest in our facilities. It is important to note, that the intent is not to

get feedback for programming that the Township will provide, but rather, to obtain feedback that can then be used to promote Township facilities to organizations that provide programming that align with the interests of the community.

Comments

The Recreation Advisory Committee is seeking assistance from the Youth Advisory Committee in circulation of this survey. The Recreation Advisory Committee has been provided permission from the Optimist Club of Puslinch to circulate physical surveys during their annual Fish Fry in spring 2024. In exchange, the Optimist Club has requested that the results of the survey with them as well to assist their organization in providing meaningful contributions to the community. The Recreation Advisory Committee is seeking volunteers from the Youth Advisory Committee to circulate the survey during this event.

In addition, the survey will be posted on the Township Engage Puslinch website and promoted via the Township website and social media outlets to obtain additional feedback. The duration of the survey will be determined in collaboration with staff.

Financial Implications

None

Attachments

Survey attached

The Township of Puslinch's Recreation Advisory Committee is conducting a survey to gauge residents interests in future recreational programming. The Township can promote its current facilities to organizations for them to provide and offer programming to residents. The Township is looking to gain a better understanding of community needs with respect to recreation and leisure activities. The information gathered will be with the intent to have greater social, recreational and cultural opportunities accessible to all. The responses will remain confidential. Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience and no later than May 31 2024.

1. Are you a Resident of the Township of Puslinch
   Yes No

2. My age is
   Under 15 Years
   15 - 24 Years
   25 -34 Years
   35 - 44 Years
   45 - 54 Years
   55 – 64 Years
   65 – 74 Years
   75 Years +

3. Do you currently participate in any recreation programs or activities within the township?
   Yes No
   If yes, please specify_____

4. Do you currently participate in any recreation programs or activities outside the township?
   yes No
   if yes, please specify_____

5. What, if any, obstacles do you face in order to participate in recreation programs and activities within the Township of Puslinch?
   Financial
   Transportation
   Time
   Facilities
   Health
   Nothing I want to do
   Other

Is there anything you would like to share regarding obstacles to participation?_____

6. Please select any recreation activities or programs you would be interested in from the list below.

Badminton
Walking Group
Yoga
Painting/Drawing
Technology Classes
Pickleball
Cards
Bingo
Tennis
Volleyball
Gardening
Fitness Classes
Crafts
Soccer
Basketball
Square Dancing
Cooking
Skating
Ballroom Dancing
Hockey
Carpentry
Pottery
Other_____
_____

7. What methods of communication would you be most likely to use to find out about programs available in the township?

8. Puslinch Website
Puslinch Pioneer
Wellington Advertiser
Puslinch Today
Guelph Today
Social Media
Community Info Board at Library or other township facility
Council Meeting
Word of Mouth

9. What is (are) your favourite event(s) in the township?
_____

10. What new event(s) would you like to see in the township?
_____

11. Are you aware of any groups or organizations that have programs, services, programs or infrastructure that may be able to provide active living opportunities in the township?
Yes No

If yes, please
specify:_____

12. Do you have any other information or ideas you would like to share as it relates to social, recreational and cultural opportunities within the township of Puslinch?
    Please share
    _____
    _____

COMMITTEE MEMO

TO:	Recreation Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee Co-Chairs and Members of Committee
FROM:	Councillor Bailey
MEETING DATE:	January 15, 2024
SUBJECT:	Millennium Garden Volunteers

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee Memo MEMO-JRY-002 entitled Millennium Garden Volunteers be received for information.

Purpose

The purpose of the memo is to bring forward the topic of the Millennium Garden and the need for volunteers to help with the maintenance of this legacy garden.

Background

Garden Gnomes digging in, Article from Puslinch Pioneer
By Sara Bailey

> The Millennial Garden of Puslinch started as a Millennium project in 1999 to celebrate the Township's sesquicentennial in 2000 through the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers. It is located next to the Puslinch Library on the current Puslinch Community Centre Grounds where you can still see the foundation of an old house. The volunteer group of about 20 people including Judy Siefert, Fred Prior, Paul Hohnadel, Kathy Kinzie, Don MacKinnon, Bob and Barb Jefferson, Dave Bouck and Matthew Bulmer worked on many projects and fundraising events such as garden bus tours, spaghetti dinners and an art auction.
>
> When asked about the garden in its beginning years, Judy recalls, "The original pergola, used original beams from the house. The whole Township community bought into the building of the garden. Dave Bouck from Davan landscaping did a lot of the grading of

the site and donation of the sod as well as the watering of the sod with the cooperation of the Puslinch fire department. The Baha'i community donated the lilac trees that line the pergola. The maples were donated by Fred Prior with great help from George Daymond. Many plants were donated and we had many community planting evenings with cold drinks and food donated by many people. The benches and garbage cans were donated by various people as well as the Township and County. The garden won a couple of awards including the Wellington County International Plowing Match community award. We placed a time capsule by the bottom wooden benches. It was marked with a plaque, I hope it is still there. Many wedding pictures and events have taken place in the garden. We had annual carol sings, music festivals and Canada Day celebrations. It was a labour of love for me to participate in this garden/community building event. I think it deserves a good cleaning out and mulching as well as continued maintenance. This garden is a tribute to volunteers and the old-time commitment to the Township's community."

Today the garden has really filled in and become a space families walk through on their way to Aberfoyle School at drop off and pick up or for visitors travelling to the Antique market. Children play in the garden in all seasons or for little birthday celebrations. The WhistleStop preschool uses this beautiful space for their graduation photos.

Most recently a new volunteer group called the Puslinch Garden Gnomes have begun some maintenance work. As with most perennial gardens, regular weeding and trimming is needed to help carry on the legacy of the amazing garden Judy and her team envisioned and implemented 22 years ago. If you have time and passion for gardening or if you are just eager to dig, pull and plant we could really could use your help! It is a great opportunity to meet up, share a love of gardening, give back to the community or just spend some time with the plants!

Comments

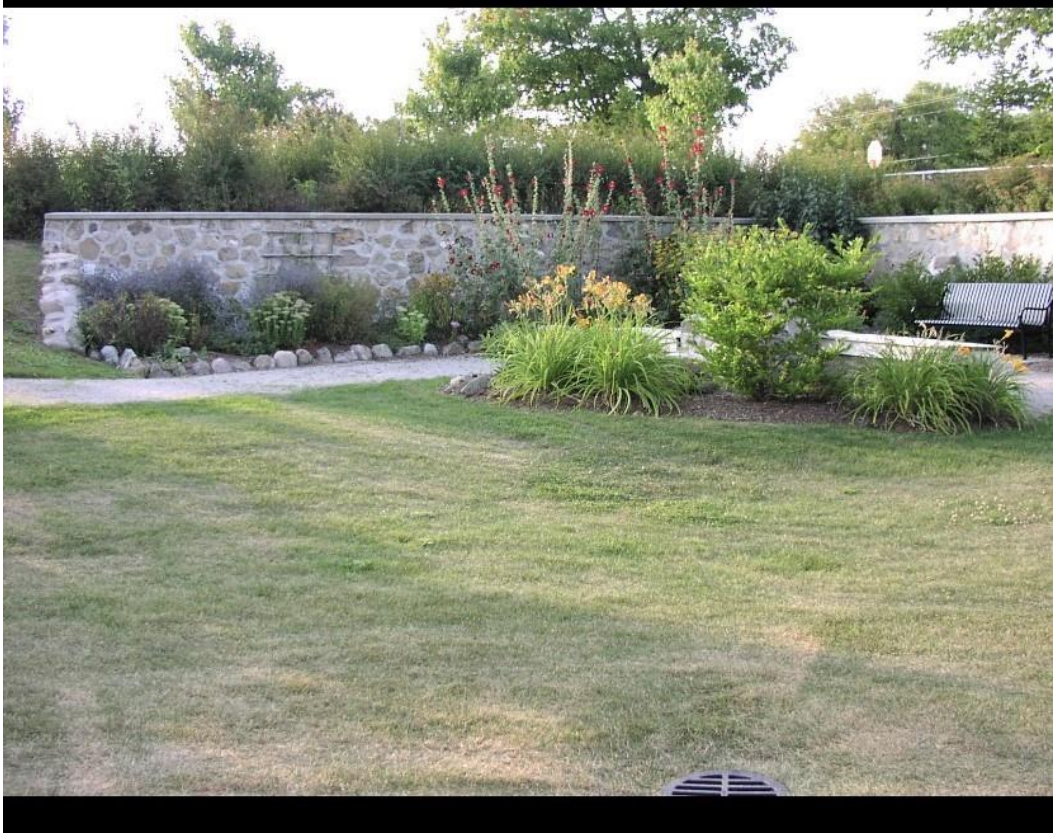
This garden is a central hub that many local residents visit, and pass through on their way to Aberfoyle School every morning and afternoon. The WhistleStop preschool has taken graduation photos in the garden. Lately the grade 6 class planted annuals under the arbour and 100 bulbs around the front sign. Visitors to Puslinch also visit the garden on their way to the Antique market and Farmers' market on weekends.

Financial Implications

Budget implications may be considered as part of the 2025 budget process.

Attachments

Photos attached



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