



## Recreation, Culture and Tourism Services Committee

May 9, 2018

1:15 p.m.

### MINUTES

### PRESENT:

#### Council

André Chamailard, Presiding Officer  
Johanne Portelance  
Yves Paquette  
Jeanne Charlebois, Ex-officio

#### Resource persons

Nicole Trudeau, Director of Recreation and Tourism  
Gérald Dicaire, Municipal Building Superintendent  
Lucie L. Titley, Administrative Assistant

#### Visitors

Mrs Anne Laflamme, Mrs Josée Drouin and Mr David Shuh

### MOTIVATED ABSENCE:

#### 1. Opening of the meeting

The Presiding Officer calls the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

#### 2. Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Yves Paquette  
Seconded by Johanne Portelance

**Be it resolved** that the agenda be adopted after the withdrawal of the items 8.4 - Park inspections report and 13.1 - Security of the municipality's property - reference: parks and the addition of the following items:

- 5.1 École secondaire publique Le Sommet - skating-rink
- 6.2 Hawkesbury Business Improvement Area (BIA)
- 8.4 Accessibility grant
- 12.1 Local athlete

**Carried**

**3. Follow-up of the last report**

none

**4. Disclosures of conflicts of interest**

none

**5. Visitors**

**5.1 École secondaire publique Le Sommet - skating-rink**

Mrs Anne Laflamme, principal of the École secondaire publique Le Sommet, points out the following information: ‘the late opening of the skating-rink at the Robert-Hartley Sports Complex would not only harm the image of the hockey programs at the École secondaire publique Le Sommet but would also harm its long-term sustainability.

In their sporting and academic paths, the students who have to accumulate 110 hours in order to obtain their credit would be backed into a corner.

The Faucons all-star team who uses the rink on a daily basis during the school year would have to find ice time elsewhere in the area. The team most certainly does not want to live through another temporary closing similar to the one in 2017-2018. It is the same with the school’s other teams, recreational and competitive.’

Should a late opening of the rink occur, transferring the hockey programs to Vankleek Hill, St-Lazare or Lachute for a month would be a costly logistical challenge and unenviable for the students and both the administration and the community.

Unlike the information Nicole Trudeau received, Mr David Shuh, teacher at the École secondaire publique Le Sommet, spoke to the Hawkesbury Hawks’ manager who informed him that he preferred for the rink to close in June instead of July.

Nicole Trudeau will communicate with the Hawkesbury Hawks’ manager and

suggest the possibility of closing the rink in June instead of July.

\* **Mrs Jeanne Charlebois leaves the meeting at 1:35 p.m.**

## **6. Recreation**

### **6.1 Meeting petanque and Club 50+: washer game**

Members of the committee suggest that the washer game's participants play at the park behind the former École Christ Roi or on the same side of the Centre culturel Le Chenail.

### **6.2 Hawkesbury Business Improvement Area (BIA)**

A street festival will be held on July 6, 2018. Mr Yves Paquette suggests that both the street festival and the Western festival be joined together. Part of James Street will be closed. Petting zoo and inflatable games await everyone.

Proposed by Johanne Portelance  
Seconded by Yves Paquette

**Be it resolved** to recommend Council to approve that part of James Street be closed on July 6, 2018.

**Carried**

## **7. Sports Activities**

no subject

## **8. Recreation Facilities**

### **8.1 Place des Pionniers**

Members of the committee recommend that the four storage facilities at the Place des Pionniers be painted.

Proposed by Yves Paquette  
Seconded by Johanne Portelance

**Be it resolved** to recommend Council to accept that the four storage facilities at the Place des Pionniers be painted.

**Carried**

## **8.2 Automated teller machine (ATM) at the Robert-Hartley Sports Complex**

Following the popular demand, it would be a good idea to install an automated teller machine (ATM) at the Robert-Hartley Sports Complex.

The installation of an automated teller machine requires no change in the personnel related tasks, has no impact on the insurance premiums and no financial cost to the Town. A rebate will be paid to the Town based on the number of transactions.

Proposed by Johanne Portelance

Seconded by Yves Paquette

**Be it resolved** to recommend Council to approve the installation of an automated teller machine (ATM) at the Robert-Hartley Sports Complex.

**Carried**

## **8.3 Erosion of the shorelines at the Confederation Park**

Mrs Jeanne Charlebois is waiting for a telephone call from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Therefore, the topic will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting.

## **8.4 Accessibility grant**

An application for a federal grant will be completed in order to make the reception desk and the changing rooms more accessible. The Hawkesbury General Hospital and Phénix, a provincial agency, will be called on to support the application.

A meeting will be held with Mr Jean-Marc Lalonde, a former Ontario Liberal MPP, informed of the different available grants.

## **8.5 Flag and Richelieu monument**

The flag and the Richelieu monument will be moved before July 2018. The Hawkesbury Business Improvement Area (BIA) will look after the moving.

A letter was sent to the Caisse Populaire of Hawkesbury regarding the above matter. To this day, no response to the letter was received.

## **9. Culture**

no subject

## **10. Tourism**

### **10.1 Opening of the Tourist Information Center**

The Tourist Information Center will be opened on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, starting May 11 2018, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. From June to September, the Center will be opened from Monday to Sunday, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

New signs will be installed in order to announce the location of the Center.

### **10.2 Tourist signs / recreational**

Tourist signs will be installed at the Confederation Park by Prescott-Russell Tourism, announcing the boat launch, the Centre culturel Le Chenail and the municipal park.

## **11. Question/Comment period**

no question or comment

## **12. Other items**

### **12.1 Local athlete**

Miss Yasmine Villeneuve, a resident of Champlain Township and gymnast with the Club Barany of Lachute, is asking the town of Hawkesbury for financial support in order to cover the cost of her participation to the Championnats canadiens de l'Est.

MM. André Chamaillard and Yves Paquette suggest holding a fundraiser, a spaghetti dinner, to help the local athlete. The fundraiser would be organized by the Knights of Columbus, Council 2183 and the Royal Canadian Legion.

Nicole Trudeau will confirm the above suggestion with Yasmine's mother.

## **13. Closed meeting**

none

## **14. Adjournment**

Moved by Yves Paquette  
Seconded by Johanne Portelance

**Be it resolved** that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

**Carried**

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**André Chamaillard, Presiding Officer**

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_