

Prince Rupert Community League Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 6th, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Location: Central Lion's Recreation Centre

Present:

Victor, Tony, Tim, Brandy, A.J., Roxanne, Pam, Heather

Regrets:

Ralph, Kat, Sandra, Demetrius

Meeting chaired by Tony.

1. Round Table Discussion
2. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:13pm
3. Attendance: Taken/ Brandy taking minutes.
4. Agenda: **MOTION:** Victor motioned to approve the agenda; Tim seconded; all in favour.
5. Minutes: **MOTION:** Brandy motioned to approve the Dec. 2nd, 2014 meeting minutes as amended; A.J. seconded; all in favour. *Amendment: Change *Tower Road Connection Society* to *Tower Road Connections Society*.
6. **Completed November Action Items:**
 - Allison updated the PRCL Website as per Victor's write up.
 - Membership renewal email was sent out to previous members.
 - Victor forwarded the Quote from Witten LLP to board members.**New Action Items:**
 - A.J. to finish entering email addresses into the Hotmail account.
 - Victor to find out about sharing the short list of architects and contractors with board members as well as the list of criteria being used to choose the companies.
 - Tim to forward the size of a beach volleyball court to Victor for reference.
7. **President's Report:**
 - Still having lots of meetings regarding the hall project. This Friday (Jan.9th) the meeting will be about the business plan and discussions about the upcoming required public consultation.
 - Alan will be helping with the consultant interviewing process at the end of January. The group will make a decision based on the list of criteria and bring recommendations back to their boards for review and/or approval.
 - Bylaws have been redrafted by the lawyers. Terra is having the bylaws and agreement reviewed to make sure they are not contradictory in any way.
 - Will be reapplying for the CLIP grant because we didn't get it last year. Due in March, amount is \$400,000.
 - Will need two volunteers to review financial statements; Victor will bring this up at the February meeting.
 - The legal Agreement for the society has to be done before any contracts between the Tower Road Connections Society (TRCS) and any Consultants can be signed.

8. **Social Director's Report:** Pam has begun discussions about having a wine and cheese or wine/beer tasting event in the next few months. She is currently looking into sponsors/locations and mentioned possibly including Queen Mary Park in the event if it is sponsored. Details to follow.
9. **CRC's Report:** Due to poor attendance at the POP-UP-Play program last summer, there will be no chance of Prince Rupert having that or a Greenshack Program this year. The city does appreciate donations from Communities for this program and would need to know how much, if any, we could contribute by January 31st.
- Heather mentioned that she will try to get us another kids program to operate out of the Lion's Centre for 4-6 year olds possibly the 2nd week of August. Will confirm details later.
 - Our current playground was originally constructed in 1980 and is now the 2nd oldest playground in the city.
 - Heather mentioned that while the City is not currently in a rush for PRCL to move the rink boards, it is expected that they will be moved within a reasonable time. The City did purchase the school site for us and they do need the existing rink space for other amenities.

MOTION: Pam motioned to donate \$250.00 to the City for the Greenshack program just like we did last year; Victor 2nd; all in favour.

10. **Skating Rink Discussion:**

- Discussed Heather's emailed documents, especially the options/pros/cons/costs list. Several factors were discussed such as:
 - The fact that the 2013 community consultation shows that 44% want a full size rink and 37% want a snowbank rink, while 3 of the responses in favour of a full size rink only wanted it if it was well used and financially viable.
 - The cost of tree removal (\$2000-\$15,000 per tree as per City's assessment)
 - Site amenities that would or wouldn't be available with or without a boarded rink such as an outdoor patio space for bbq's and sitting by a fire watching the skaters.
 - Size of building/parking area, future playground options, lack of space on the site.
 - Costs to move the rink (\$36,000 +/-), and to run it every winter (\$12,000-\$25,000/year) vs. the actual time in which it gets used every winter (2.5 months total on average).
 - Possibly having a sand area for summer beach volleyball which could be a snowbank rink area in the winter.
 - Possibly having a path through the trees to skate on.
- The fact that the rink has been discussed repeatedly over the last few years at several meetings.
- After an hour long discussion on these topics the general board consensus was that having a snowbank rink area and a patio area for summer/winter bbq's and events was more to our favour and advantage. In order for PRCL and our partners to get things rolling with the planners a decision needs to be made quickly.

MOTION: Pam motioned that PRCL move forward with plans to create a snowbank rink on the new site instead of a full boarded rink; Roxanne seconded; all in favour.

- Discussed what to do with the old rink boards. The city will want to know our plans for them and if we aren't going to move them, should they be sold, or stored? Can we leave them there for at least a few months so that we can have our May Day event?

TABLED MOTION: Pam motioned that PRCL sell the rink boards within a reasonable timeframe or as per the City's request to vacate the site. **Will discuss this motion further at the February meeting.**

11. **Vice President's Report:** Nothing to report (out of time)
12. **Treasurer's Report:** Ralph sends his regrets – Bank statement was available to view.
13. **Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.
14. **Membership Director's Report:** Sandra sends her regrets.

15. **Sports Directors' Reports:** Demetrius not in attendance.
 - Tim brought up the idea of a beach volleyball court for the new site. It would be an area of sand that could be flooded in the winter to create a snowbank rink. He will give the size of space required to Victor for information.

16. Other Business & Parking Lot: A.J. will discuss website info at next meeting.

17. Next meeting to be Tuesday, February 3rd in Room 4 instead of 12.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.