



TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

October 18, 2022

The meeting of Make a Big Splash Spray Park Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre Committee Room

PRESENT: Christine Hampton, Cheyenne Calder, Elaine Fischer, Sandra Tibbs, Sandra Wier, Becky Andrusco, Kaleb Firth

ALSO PRESENT: Travis Rob, Chris Legg

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof**
3. **Approval of Previous Committee Minutes**

- 3.1 Approval of the September 20, 2022 meeting minutes

Calder - Rob THAT the minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated

CARRIED

4. **New Business**
5. **Outstanding Items**

- 5.1 Fundraising Initiatives
 - Discussion on the success of the Tbaytel for good campaign, congratulation to the committee and community on the success of that campaign. A fundraising letter was distributed to the committee for sending out to businesses and community members once the bank account is setup. The bank is taking longer than anticipated to setup that account. As soon as the account is up and running Travis is to inform the community and the letters can be sent out.
- 5.2 Design Update

Review of the most updated splash park design was discussed. The committee likes the design and has asked for it to be finalized for presentation at the next meeting. Samples were shown of other parks with some features that have been discussed at this meeting, such as rock seating, overhead shade structures etc. A discussion was had on the rubber or soft surface. Pricing for that is extremely high and there is a much higher maintenance component to it. It is typically seen more in tempered US sites than in Canada. Also discussed a slide. Again very costly, brings in the need for supervision and may require the soft surface for fall protection. More seen in private parks not municipal settings.
- 5.3 Budget Review and Project Scoping

Preliminary designs not quite ready for play equipment for this meeting. Should see something next week though and will share with the group. This is the next piece to figure out then we can see what else we are looking to complete. A wish list of activities has been started on the budget spreadsheet to be sure nothing gets forgotten. There has been some talk in the community about the addition of a disc golf course at this site. It is an option, but may be better suited at another site where there is less going on but is something to consider.

- 5.4 Funding Update
Stage 2 application to NOHFC is all but complete will be submitted October 19. The MAT Tax reserve has about \$136,000 in its MAT reserve, the committee would have to write a letter to council asking for a contribution to the project from that fund. Elaine is to put a letter together for submission to the new Council after the election.

6. **Information**

7. **Adjourn / Next Meeting Date - 5:38pm**

Advisory Committee Chair

T. Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities