



Date: October 25, 2023
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Rhyno, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Chairperson
RE: Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting October 17, 2023 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. SENIOR SAFETY DISCUSSION

The Senior Safety Program Association of Hants County (Hants Senior Safety) sent notice to Council that they would no longer be operating in East Hants, and withdrew from the Community Partnership Fund program. Council directed staff via Motion C23(188) to prepare a report with options for Senior Safety activity in East Hants including potential staffing needs.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council support enhancing recreation programming that targets the senior population; and, that staff draft 2024/2025 budget with resources to support senior safety specific services for East Hants; and, that Council use the funds raised and set aside in General Government grants, specifically levied for senior safety, to fund these recreation and safety services.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT - DATE & LOCATION

In preparation for the 2024 East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and Volunteer Firefighter Long Service Awards ceremony, staff recommended the date of April 19, 2024 which is during National Volunteer Week. In keeping with efforts to move this event throughout the Municipality, the recommended venue for 2024 is the Enfield Legion. The evening will include a sit-down dinner followed by an awards ceremony.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council accept the following recommendations as presented by staff that Council approve to host the East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and Firefighter Long Service Awards on April 19, 2024; and, that Council approve the Enfield Legion as the location for the 2024 Recognition Ceremony.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. MOUNT UNIACKE RECREATION STRATEGY

In October 2021, Council directed staff as per motion C21(315) to add a Mount Uniacke Recreation Study specific to Districts 8 and 9 to be funded from the Uniacke Recreation Fund to develop a 2-, 5- and 10-year plan for recreation in that area of the Municipality. The Strategy is a guiding document intended to provide Council and Municipal staff with a road map on how to achieve Council's goals regarding recreational services within Districts 8 and 9. As the community grows and best practices advance, the strategy will adjust to reflect new guidelines to address community needs and recreation industry trends.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council:*

1. *Adopt the Mount Uniacke Recreation Strategy as a guiding document for future recreational opportunities in Districts 8 and 9 and that the Strategy be used to inform the Municipal Recreation Facilities Master Plan (scheduled for 2024/2025);*
2. *That staffing options and onsite locations for staff within Mount Uniacke are further explored to support recreation service provision for Mount Uniacke Districts 8 and 9 as part of the 2024/2025 Municipal budget.*
3. *That the design and build of a playground in East Uniacke at Charles Drive and the design of the Lakelands open space parcel (PID 45430006) are further explored as part of the 2024/2025 Municipal budget.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. **MOTORIZED WATER ACCESS - WALTON AREA**

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee *recommends that Council authorize the CAO to transfer PIDs 45336922, 45149093, 45347036 to Darren Porter and to provide him a \$20,000 plus HST contribution (funded from Open Space reserves) in exchange for the construction of a public slipway on PID 45380375; and that Council authorize the CAO to enter into an agreement for an annual contribution of up to \$7,000 plus HST, increased 3% annually, in exchange for the slipway to be insured for public use and annual maintenance.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.