



**MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH WEST MIDDLESEX  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019 5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

**MINUTES**

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**SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Recreation Committee met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber on November 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christa Cowell (Chair), Kim Garrison-Comartin, Kelly Moniz, Allan Mayhew

**REGRETS:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Facilities & Recreation Manager – Steve MacDonald, Recreation Secretary Denny Giles

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Members of the public and press

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Cowell calls the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#2019-RC-004

Moved by Allan Mayhew

Seconded by Kim Garrison-Comartin

THAT the Recreation Committee Agenda dated November 6, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Carried

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requires any member of the Committee declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of the Committee has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Committee and otherwise comply with the Act.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Nature</u>
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**Conflict of Interest Reporting Form**

None declared

**4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

None scheduled

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2019

#2019-RC-005

Moved by Kim Garrison-Comartin

Seconded by Kelly Moniz

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee dated September 6, 2019 be adopted as printed.

Carried

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

## 7. VERBAL UPDATES

- a. Upcoming funding application for arena upgrades
  - Municipalities have access to a new grant funding “Investing in Canada’s Infrastructure”, specifically; Communities, Culture and Recreation stream of funding.
  - Areas where funding would be used:
    - Arena floor replacement
    - Refrigeration room upgrades
    - Accessibility upgrades (washrooms)
    - Additional changerooms
    - Entrance railing
    - Sound system
    - Hot water boiler
  - Members brought forward the need for accessibility enhancements at the cafeteria.
  - A Recreation Master Plan would further assist our chance to receive funding. The creation of a Recreation Master Plan is planned for 2020.
- b. Fitness Centre/Gym
  - Recently announced is a new fitness facility/gym opening up in Glencoe by beginning of 2020.
- c. Possible Facility Improvements – Arena/Hall/Pool
  - As discussed in a. and b. above
- d. Results from 2019 Aquatics Surveys – Lessons, Swim Team and Aqua-Fit
  - Three survey versions were distributed to aquatic users over the course of the 2019 season:
    - Aqua-fit
    - Swim Team
    - Swim Lessons
  - All surveys received showed positive results, with one (1) neutral vote.
  - The committee agreed that in order to further advertise the aquatic services offered, all students who participate in swim-to-survive through the local schools will be sent home with 2020 swimming information.

e. Updates on Facilities and Recreation Projects/Effectiveness and Efficiency Funding – arboreta, dog park, Middlemiss playground, Main Street (benches, garbage cans, Christmas Lights, flower basket program).

- All municipalities received “Effectiveness & Efficiency Funding” in early 2019. A portion of these funding dollars will help to create the Recreation Master Plan, a price tag of \$30,000-\$40,000.
- The Arboreta work is mainly complete for the 2019 year, and will resume in 2020.
- The newly located dog park is now open – accessibility is coming.
- The Middlemiss playground swing is ready to be shipped.
- Main Street Revitalization funding was utilized for the Canada Flag and winter banners, benches in honour of Canadian Veteran’s that have now been erected at Glencoe and Wardsville cenotaphs, and main street waste receptacles.
- Flower Baskets – new for 2020; 110 baskets and 10 Main Street planters; previously is has been 120 baskets.

f. 2020 Recreation Budget

- Any recommendations for 2020 budget items should be forward to Steve MacDonald, Facilities & Recreation Manager.

## **8. COMMENTS AND ENQUIRIES**

- Chairperson Cowell put forward a recommendation that committee members work together to promote sponsorship availability to residents and businesses within the municipality.

## **9. NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)**

- January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 5:15 p.m.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Cowell adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary