

Town of Deseronto

Culture and Recreation

Committee Meeting

Minutes 7 pm May 21 and

May 28, 2020

Via Teleconference 1.867.292.3030 or 1.587.405.1252

Invited to Attend – Tyler Keith Chair, Amber Dale Hudson Councilor, Sue Palmateer, Jewel Shurtleff, Anna McLellan, Amy MacDonald, Eric Monize, Mandi Wilson and Patrick Connor (Staff)

Regrets: Anna McLellan, Tyler Keith, Eric Moniz.

Note – quorum not achieved May 21, 2020, so the Committee took information on that date. The Committee met again May 28, 2020 and quorum was achieved. The decisions contained in these minutes reflect the meeting of May 28th, 2020.

Minutes

1. **Welcome from the Chair** – Amber Dale Hudson is Acting Chair for the meeting. Councilor Hudson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked

them for their contribution.

2. **Determination of Quorum** – 5 participants (5 needed to make decisions)
3. **Approval of Minutes April 16th meeting** – moved by Amy MacDonald, seconded by Jewel Shurtleff. Carried.
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - a. **Canada Day Updates** – separate report attached. Motion to accept the report by Amy MacDonald, seconded Jewel Shurtleff. Carried. Discussion ensued. Programs in:
 - Northern Lights Aglow – library suggested that glow sticks also be distributed through them. Motion to recommend activity to Council - Amy MacDonald, Seconded Jewel Shurtleff. Carried.
 - Canada Day Yards – Motion to recommend activity to Council - Jewel Shurtleff, Seconded Anna McLellan. Carried.

- Porch MusicFest - Motion to recommend activity to Council - Jewel Shurtleff, Seconded Anna McLellan. Carried.
 - Bake Sale and Fireworks – Not recommended to pursue this year. Information to be carried to Council by Amber Dale Hudson. Motions Jewel Shurtleff, Seconded Mandi Wilson.
- b. **Virtual Programs** – it was the opinion of the committee that virtual programs should not be pursued as families and kids already have lots of choice and they are probably “virtual programmed out.”
- c. **June 21 ParticipAction and Parade Update** – Staff reported that ParticipAction is not supporting any programs due to COVID-19 emergency orders, consequently, there is no funding support for the initiative. The committee discussed the viability of supporting this partnering event at this time, as we understand the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte are likely to

pursue a virtual run. The committee noted congregation control and congregate nature of parades and given concerns about the ready transmission of COVID-19 in such circumstances decided, regrettably decided to postpone participation. The committee wish our partners at Tyendinaga territory much success, and the committee recommended we encourage people to sign up or support their event in other ways.

- d. **Grants for Programs** - spreadsheet to be shared in the future as information gathering for sharing purposes is taking longer to complete than anticipated. To be placed on a google drive for committee access.

5. **New Business**

- a. **School Cancelled until September** – do as much as we can to facilitate connectivity via the library and awareness.
- b. **Other** – Regrettably, the committee was informed that Sue Palmateer must give up this

volunteer commitment due to other demands. The committee expressed regrets and should circumstances change would welcome her back wholeheartedly. We appreciate her contribution to the committee and the Town.

6. **Date of Next Meeting** – the last Thursday of each month unless otherwise determined by availability and quorum. As per the schedule 7pm June 26th, 2020
7. **Motion to Adjourn** – Moved by Anna McLellan, seconded by Mandi Wilson. Carried.