

Report #05/12/14/804 - Report to Council – HCM Recreation Committee

The HCM Recreation Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Hall. This is a public meeting and I would like to encourage council members or any resident to join us.

The council has copies of the minutes for the October 15th and November 19th meetings and you will see that at our last meeting we agreed to a budget for 2015 (also in your package). The HCM Recreation Committee has raised approx. \$12,000 since Canada Day. This is certainly more than our hope of self-sustainability.

The committee is continuing to work on fine tuning the procedures for hall usage. A committee member will be assigned to oversee each event held in the hall. Hall users will go to this event coordinator rather than staff for assistance.

A brief discussion of the Municipal Property Use Review (By-law 2014-17) has taken place and will be on the agenda for January. We hope to have suggestions for council as soon as possible in the new year.

There are many opportunities for grant money in the areas of recreation. Along with planning and assisting with events in the community, the committee needs “person hours” to seek out and apply for grant money. Our wish list for community recreation includes walking trails, children’s programming and improvements for Mackey Park to name just a few. It is possible that we could find “free” money to fit our needs in the form of a private (e.g. Aviva Community Fund) or public grants. As a committee we will work on this area and hope that we might also garner interest from some residents who might assist us.

Councillor Debbi Grills