

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Ayton and Area Recreational Advisory Committee**  
**September 21 7:00 p.m.**  
**Normanby Arena Board Room, 762 Grey Rd. 3, Ayton**

**Members Present:** Mary Lou Pfeffer, Dave Foerster, Joyce Nuhn, Rebecca Hergert (Councillor)

**Regrets:** John Geilen, Nadine Becker

**1. Call to order**

Chairperson Mary Lou Pfeffer called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof:** None

**3. Adoption of the previous meeting's minutes:** June 19, 2022 minutes were not adopted.

**4. Correspondence:** None

**5. Delegations:** None

**6. Business from minutes**

**6.2.1** A recommendation to council is required regarding spending money in this committee's fundraising account.

**6.2.2** Regarding any update to a kitchen renovation in the Centennial Hall, a motion for such action is required to be recommended for the 2023 budget.

**7. New Business**

The following recommendations for council were passed.

**Moved:** Joyce Nuhn

**Seconded:** Dave Foerster

That a staff member be paid and present at all future meeting to accurately reflect the required procedural taking of minutes at each meeting.

**Disposition:** Carried.

**Moved:** Mary Lou Pfeffer

**Seconded:** Dave Foerster

That West Grey council and staff consider creating a set of guidelines, goals and procedures (in a practical form), pertinent to each group, to be shared with each volunteer committee at the beginning of each council mandate. This effective communication tool could result in an easier navigation for the volunteer groups

working together to build a stronger West Grey community and encourage more participation.

**Disposition:** Carried.

**Moved:** Dave Foerster

**Seconded:** Mary Lou Pfeffer

That the Ayton and Area Recreation Advisory Committee recommends council consider the following in the 2023 Budget and that updates be shared by staff with this committee.

1. That the kitchen facilities of the Centennial Hall be renovated to meet Public Health Standards (new cabinetry, 3 sinks for proper dish washing, proper cooling appliance, new flooring, dishwasher, etc.) to promote and increase the rentals. It is a smaller hall and could be very desirable for smaller events such as birthday parties, anniversary parties, funeral lunches, family get-togethers and meetings;

And further, council approves up to \$10,000 in furnishings such as couches, chairs, etc. to make the atmosphere more inviting to the user.

2. That Council consider providing funding to replace the old bleachers at the diamond in Ayton, that were taken away but not replaced. One suggestion floated was using armour stone to be used in tiered seating under the maple trees.
3. That Council consider funding up to \$10,000 for the busing of children in Ayton and surrounding area to receive basic life-saving swimming lessons in Durham or Mildmay (which ever presents itself as a better option) in the 2023 budget deliberations. Many rural children are denied this chance which is more easily accessible in urban areas. This would be considered helping sustainability with fewer vehicles on the road.
4. That the Council approve the following recommendation that the tennis court behind the Ayton Arena, which at the present moment is sitting idle, be revitalized with repaving for tennis and incorporating a Pickle Ball court. This would provided a positive opportunity for the young and old to participate in a variety of activities as choices, in Ayton, are very limited at the moment. Basketball hoops could be included, the lights still work and also could be used for road hockey. This area could also be utilized by renters of the arena during hockey schools making the arena a more desirable rental area. The public school is very close with easy access. The Ayton Area will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 18 and this could be a welcomed addition.

**Disposition:** Carried

**Moved:** Joyce Nuhn

**Seconded:** Mary Lou Pfeffer

That Council approve the following recommendation regarding the Lighting of the

Village Christmas Tree on November 19, at the Centennial Hall:

- rental of a team of horses to drive people around the village
- the village gathering in the Centennial Hall for the annual Chili Cook Off
- \$100 for prizes for baking contests
- Involve the Holstein Bells to sing Christmas songs outside and
- invite Mr. Art Domm, a 98 year old village resident to light our tree.

**Disposition:** Carried

**Moved:** Joyce Nuhn

**Seconded:** Mary Lou Pfeffer

**Recommendation:** That council is made aware of the following dates for activities in 2023 in Ayton:

1. Snow Volleyball tournament held outside of the Centennial Hall on February 11, 2023
2. That this committee work with staff to offer pick-up outdoor volleyball and pick-up slow pitch games weekly from June to mid-August in 2023 for children under 16. Also include shuffleboard for all that are interested.
3. That the Annual Family Fun Slowpitch Tournament be tentatively set for August 11 – 13 2023 at the ball diamond.
4. That the Halloween Spook House be held at the Centennial Hall on October 28, 2023.
5. That the 2023 Annual Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree be tentatively booked for December 2, 2023.

**Disposition:** Carried

**Moved:** Mary Lou Pfeffer

**Seconded:** Joyce Nuhn

**Recommendation:** That council consider and approve the recruitment of a variety of new members when committees are reappointed in January of 2023. A mixture of young people (teens), parents of young children and older children, senior citizens and others who wish to work together for the betterment of Ayton and West Grey.

**Disposition:** Carried

8. **Next Meeting:** No meetings will be held until 2023 when the new council will be determining committee structures and members.

9. **Adjournment**

**Moved:** Joyce Nuhn  
**Seconded:** Dave Foerster

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Disposition:** Carried.

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Chairperson

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Secretary