



Western Valley Regional Service Commission: Recreation Committee

Meeting of October 1, 2015, 6.30 p.m. – Hartland Town Hall

**Attendance:**

Brian Hayden (Chair)  
Craig Melanson  
Jill Hunter  
Kent Kuhn

Jim Kennedy  
Chris Stacey  
Kari Harper-Merrithew

Katelyn Hayden (Planning Director)

**Regrets:**

Elaine English  
Paul Bradley

**Absent:**

Terry Ritchie

**Guests:**

Grant Sinclair, Consultant, Sports & Recreation Branch  
Christine Powers-Tomsons, Consultant, Sports & Recreation Branch  
Stephen Stone, Dillion Consulting

**Presentation:**

Stephen Stone, Dillon Consulting

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 6.35 p.m. by the Chair. Brian Hayden welcomed Grant Sinclair, Christine Powers-Tomsons, and Stephen Stone.

**Agenda:**

It was moved by Craig Melanson and seconded by Chris Stacey the Oct 1, 2015 agenda be adopted.

**Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:**



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It was moved by Jim Kennedy and seconded by Craig Melanson to approve the minutes of the meeting August 19, 2015 as circulated.

It was noted that the minutes of the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting state the next meeting of the committee will be held October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. As that was the discussion made at the meeting, the minutes will not be changed to reflect the change of the meeting date to Oct 1, 2015, a decision made by the Chair in consultation with Stephen Stone of Dillon Consulting.

**Motion carried.**

### Recreation Master Plan

Brian Hayden introduced and welcomed Stephen Stone, the Project Co-ordinator and Lead Planner from Dillon Consulting.

### Consultation Summary Report

Stephen presented to the committee the Consultation Summary Report (attached as Appendix A).

The committee discussed the findings of the summary report including:

- the need for a second ice surface and an outdoor pool in the Woodstock area,
- indoor pool in the central region,
- a major renovation or replacement of the Hartland arena, and
- conflicts between trail uses groups (walking and cycling is incompatible with motorized sports) among others.

The following questions were discussed in detail:

#### Survey:

- Chris Stacey asked if Stephen Stone was satisfied with the number of response to the survey (260 surveys, representing theoretically 977 people). Engagement is always a struggle with such projects, but the response rate in this study was higher than in other similar studies they have conducted, and therefore was satisfied.
- The response rates of the 60+ demographic was lower than hoped.



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- The responses were generally reflective of the distribution of the population, and therefore the highest number of responses were from Woodstock and the surrounding area.

### Facilities:

- The report identifies a need for a gym, was that need identified in the Woodstock area? Stephen said that a review of that data would be needed to ascertain which specific region had identified this as a need.

- Given the distribution of the survey responses and identified priority of the Hartland arena, the survey results suggest the people from Woodstock, Florenceville-Bristol and other areas also see this as a priority in recreation, not just the Hartland and surrounding area users.

### Draft Vision and Guiding Principles

Stephen presented to the Committee the Draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles (attached as Appendix B). These were created based on the mandated services as set by the *Action Plan for New Local Governance System*:

#### *"Regional Sport, Recreational, and Cultural Infrastructure Planning and Cost-Sharing*

*The Regional Service Commissions will be responsible for facilitating the planning and cost-sharing of major sport, recreational and cultural facilities within each of their respective regions.*

*The Commissions will be the entity through which Municipalities, Rural Communities and Local Service Districts come together to identify and reach consensus on the need, the scope and the financing required for such new facilities (could include the expansion / renovation of existing facilities). Such agreements could be developed by the Commissions on a fully regional or on a sub-regional basis and would cover both initial capital and ongoing operational costs. In order to secure provincial funding, the project proponents will be required to obtain support from those communities expected to benefit from the facilities."*

[http://www2.qnb.ca/content/qnb/en/departments/elg/local\\_government/content/promos/action\\_plan\\_local\\_governance/mandated\\_services.html](http://www2.qnb.ca/content/qnb/en/departments/elg/local_government/content/promos/action_plan_local_governance/mandated_services.html)

Stephen Stone read the Vision Statement and each of the guiding principles, giving examples of goals which may be formulated out of the principles when questions arose. He



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explained that the guiding principles are the building blocks of the goals and objectives, therefore, he advised these must be finalized in order to move forward with the next steps.

Craig Melanson did not get the impression that it was not the intention of the Board of Directors at this time to take over the administration of Recreation, and he felt that the wording of the document gave the impression that the Regional Service Commission would be taking over coordination and administration of recreation. He noted that the wording may need to be altered to ensure the Vision and Guiding Principles include and emphasize collaboration and partnership in recreation, rather than administration. Those present agreed with this statement.

Katelyn Hayden suggested that if some of the language was softened that perhaps the committee would be more comfortable with the proposed principles. Katelyn stated the principal statements were on target, but perhaps changing a few words, for example in #6 from "The Commission will enable" to "The Commission shall support", would change the tone of the document to reflect the statement made by Craig Melanson.

It was decided Stephen Stone would take these comments into consideration and edit the Vision and Guiding Principles in accordance with the discussion. The updated Vision and Guiding Principles would then be forwarded to Katelyn Hayden for distribution and comment from the Committee before proceeding with the formulation of Goals.

**Next Meeting: Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup>, Hartland Town Hall**

**It was moved by Craig Melanson to adjourn the meeting at 8.00 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Hayden", is written over a horizontal line.

**Brian Hayden, Chair**