



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Comité consultatif sur les parcs et les loisirs**

**MINUTES 12  
PROCÈS-VERBAL 12**

**Tuesday, 26 June 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
le mardi 26 juin 2012, 19 h**

**Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West  
Salle Champlain, 110, avenue Laurier ouest**

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**Present / Présents :** S. Perry (Chair / Présidente), D. Hartnett (Vice-Chair / Vice-président)  
B. Briggs, C. Sidorenko, H. Zarins

**Absent / Absents :** K. Abella, P. Cullen

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
DÉCLARATIONS D'INTÉRÊT**

No declarations of interest were filed.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES  
RATIFICATION DES PROCÈS-VERBAUX**

Minutes 11 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of 24 April 2012 were confirmed.

PRESENTATION  
PRÉSENTATION

1. OVERVIEW: PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT - STRATEGIC SUPPORT BRANCH  
APERÇU : SERVICE DES PARCS, DES LOISIRS ET DE LA CULTURE –  
DIRECTION DU SOUTIEN STRATÉGIQUE
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Tracey McGarry, Manager, Business and Client Services Branch, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation which provided an overview of all the areas the Business and Client Services Branch oversee. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk's office pursuant to the City's Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw.

2. OVERVIEW – CITIZEN ACADEMY – PILOT PROJECT REGARDING  
RECREATION  
APERÇU – ACADÉMIE CITOYENNE – PROJET PILOTE CONCERNANT  
LES LOISIRS

[20 min]

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Judith Maxwell, Member of the Leadership Team, Co-founder of the Citizen Academy, Caroline Andrew, Director of the Centre on Governance at the University of Ottawa and Mitchell Kutney, advocate for better cities, contributing founder, provided an overview of the Citizens Academy. Included in the verbal presentation was an outline of a pilot program that they are undertaking with respect to recreation and healthy living.

Dan Chenier, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services provided the presenters with a few suggestions on how the City could be involved in their pilot project. As well a few members from the committee volunteered to participate to sit on a reference group to assist in building the content for the pilot.

A hand-out was provided which outlined the following:

- What a Citizens Academy looks like
- Time lines for the current pilot project
- Suggestions on how the committee can assist the academy
- Contact information of the members of the Academy.

A copy of the hand-out is held on file with the City Clerk's office pursuant to the City's Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw.

**Action:** Chair to provide Ms. Maxwell with the contact information of those members interested in partaking in the reference group.

3. OVERVIEW: CANADIAN ARMED FORCES APPRECIATION PROGRAM  
APERÇU : PROGRAMME DE RECONNAISSANCE DES FORCES  
CANADIENNES

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Raewen Pappas, Partnership Development Coordinator, spoke to a detailed PowerPoint Presentation on the Canadian Forces Appreciation Program. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk's office pursuant to the City's Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw.

Dan Chénier, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, City Operations, stated that he was interested in further exploring the program to determine how the City could become involved. He endeavoured to speak to the appropriate department to determine if this program was something that the City could partake in.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

4. UPDATES FROM STAFF  
MISES À JOUR DU PERSONNEL  
(/ *Directeur Général, Services des parcs, des loisirs et de la culture, Opérations municipales*)

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Dan Chénier, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, City Operations updated the committee on the following items:

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Planned Drowning Prevention Events
- Commencement of Summer Camps
- Policy Issues (ie. Spray pads)
- Opening of City Beaches

**Action:** Mr. Chénier to forward the wading pool schedule for distribution to members of the committee.

5. MANDATORY BIKE HELMET PROPOSAL  
OBLIGATOIRE PROPOSITION CASQUE DE VÉLO  
*Members / membres*

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Members discussed a recent report released by the Toronto Coroners Office which dealt with statistical and factual information regarding deaths due to the lack of wearing a helmet. The committee discussed the need for mandatory bike helmets to go beyond the current City by-law that requires children under the age of 18 to wear a bike helmet. They felt that it should be mandatory for all cyclists to wear a helmet.

**Action:** PRAC members to speak with other agencies (CHEO), Ottawa Public Health and Advisory Committees to form an alliance to address the mandatory helmet issue and in collaboration prepare a recommendation for Committee and Council to consider.

**Action:** Member Zarins to circulate a copy of the article in the Globe & Mail on mandatory helmets to members of the committee for their information.

6. COMMITTEE / SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES  
MISES À JOUR DU COMITÉ/SOUS-COMITÉS

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Chair Perry indicated that she would be attending a governance meeting with the Deputy City Clerk later in the week to discuss the upcoming report regarding the restructuring of Advisory Committees.

NEXT MEETING  
PROCHAINE RÉUNION

**Regular Meeting – 28 August 2012**  
**Réunion ordinaire – 28 août 2012**

ADJOURNMENT  
LEVÉE DE LA SÉANCE

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

*Original signed by*  
*J. Collins*

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**Committee Coordinator**

*Original signed by*  
*S. Perry*

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**Chair**