

Community Services Committee Report

The Community Services Committee makes the following recommendations from its meeting on March 3, 2014:

1. Whereas the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provides a plan for building a sustainable public health care system in Ontario, which is based on helping people stay healthy, delivering good care when people need it, and protecting the health system for future generations;

And Whereas recent research from the Healthy Kids Panel Report indicates the Ontario children/youth are about 30% overweight or obese and there is need to get them active;

And Whereas the challenge is a new initiative that aims to help children be more active and healthy;

And Whereas each community must identify a leader who will support and promote the initiative and activities developed and implemented;

That the County of Brant support the Mayor as our designated champion;

And that the County of Brant Community Services Department move forward with the grant application to the Healthy Community Challenge in partnership with the City of Brantford, Six Nations, School Boards, Brant County Health Unit, Active Grand, Early Years and others.
2. Whereas the County of Brant recognizes the benefits and values of recreation in everyday life;

And Whereas the County of Brant continues to provide activities, events, programs and services that encourage families in the County of Brant community to participate and be involved in recreation and parks;

And Whereas in an effort for the County of Brant to continue to bring awareness of recreation, parks, programs, services and facilities;

That the following proclamations be made by the County of Brant:
 May 1-7, 2014 – “National Youth Week.”
 June 2014 – “June is Recreation and Parks Month”
 October 1, 2014 – “National Seniors Day.”
3. That a Letter of Understanding between the County of Brant and Five Oaks Retreat & Learning Centre to facilitate a mutually beneficial river access partnership be approved.

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4. That Donn Bailey, Edith Stone, and Virga Baltrusiuonas be appointed to the Cemetery Advisory Committee for the term ending November 30, 2014;

And that Patrick Newstead and Paula Purvis be appointed to the Paris Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the term ending November 30, 2014;

And that Andrew Balog be appointed to the Brant West Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the term ending November 30, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councillor Atfield
Chair