

Terms of Reference

Friends of Otterville Park Management Board

1. Name of Committee/Board

The Board shall be known as the Friends of Otterville Park Management Board.

2. Nature of Committee/Board

Standing Committee/Board (Advisory)

3. Mandate

Working in cooperation with the Community Development Services department, the Friends of Otterville Park Management Board will act as an advisory body to Council to provide advice, assistance, and support for the ongoing preservation, improvement, promotion, and public access for the Otterville Park, as well as supporting the physical operation of the park and facilities, excluding the pool, baseball diamond, access bridge, and their supporting structures.

4. Objectives

The Friends of Otterville Park Management Board will be responsible to provide advice to formulate, support, and implement operational policies, administer the park pavilion rentals, and ensure that proper maintenance for the pavilion and other structures (see article 3 for exclusions) are carried out as required and in accordance with applicable legislation.

5. Membership/Composition

Appointments to the Board will be made by Council. Membership will be comprised of 1 member of Council, a minimum of 5 and maximum of 9 individuals with varied representation from the following groups:

- Township residents
- Community and Service organizations

Committee members will be selected by Council on the basis of experience, interest, and availability to attend meetings.

6. Additional Volunteers/Subcommittees

In order to achieve the Board mandate and objectives, the Board may utilize additional volunteers and/or establish Subcommittees to provide input as required or when specific priority areas are being investigated. Such volunteers and Subcommittee members shall be appointed by motion of the Board. Appropriate minutes of any subcommittee must be maintained and circulated to the Board.

7. Term of Office

Board members will be appointed by Council resolution for a term concurrent to that of the appointing Council. Members wishing to serve a subsequent term will submit an application in writing to staff indicating their interest to be reappointed for another term.

8. Vacancy

All voting members will remain in office until their respective successors are appointed by Council. Should a vacancy occur during a term, the Committee will recruit replacement members and recommend appointments to Council.

9. Support

The Director of Community Services or their designate will be appointed as liaison to provide support to the Board.

10. Officers

A Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected at the first meeting of the Committee of each calendar year. Council representatives will not be eligible to hold these positions.

The Chairperson is responsible for moderating the discussion at each meeting pursuant to the agenda. With the assistance of the Secretary, the Chair will prepare and distribute meeting agendas and minutes. The Vice-Chair will assume the role of the Chair in his/her absence. If circumstances warrant, the Chair and/or Vice-Chair will have the ability to devote some time between meetings to work with appropriate municipal staff and/or stakeholders as required.

The Secretary/Treasurer will prepare minutes for each meeting, assist the Chair in agenda preparation, and provide approved minutes to the Clerk's department for presentation to Council. In addition, the Secretary/Treasurer will maintain a record of all facility bookings, copies of booking contracts, and all expenses/receipts and present such a minimum of annually to the Township Treasurer.

11. Frequency of Meetings

The Committee will establish a meeting schedule, setting the time and place for meetings, at the beginning of each year. The Committee will meet a minimum of quarterly.

12. Quorum

Attendance of a minimum of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the appointed members at any regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum.

13. Attendance

A member will notify the Secretary if they are unable to attend a scheduled meeting. A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without a valid reason may be requested to resign as a member.

14. Rules of Procedure

The Committee shall observe the rules of procedure outlined in the Township Procedural By-law, as far as applicable, keeping in mind that a more informal atmosphere may assist in discussion/exchange of views.

15. Open Meetings

All meetings shall be open to the Public, unless permitted to be closed in accordance with the Municipal Act. Any person(s) wishing to appear before the Committee as a deputation shall submit a request to the Committee secretary advising of the topic or item to which they wish to speak prior to the meeting to ensure that the deputation is included on the agenda.

The Committee may also hold public information meetings or events on specific projects for the purpose of providing community input at the discretion of the committee.

16. Minutes, Agendas & Resolutions

Minutes shall be kept of all Committee meetings, and will be forwarded to the Clerks Department for presentation to Council. Decisions and directions of the Committee shall be defined by resolution and reflected in the minutes.

Agendas and minutes will be in a format directed by Council policy.

17. Resources and Finances

All resources and resource transactions relating to activities of the Board must be approved by Council. Annually, the Board shall submit a proposed budget (operating and capital) to Council for consideration for the following fiscal year. All expenditures must be included in the approved budget, and Committee expenditures are subject to the Township procurement policies.

The Board will manage the financial aspects of the facility, in accordance with policies approved by Council. The Board will maintain record of all rentals, copies of rental contracts, and expenditures, and submit such to the Township Treasurer monthly.

Members will not receive remuneration, but may be reimbursed for approved expenses.

18. Pecuniary Interest

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act applies to the Committee and its members. If a member has a pecuniary interest in any matter and is, or will be present at a meeting at any time at which the matter is the subject of consideration, the member;

- shall at the commencement of the meeting orally disclose the interest and its general nature
- shall not, at any time, take part in the discussion of, or vote on, any question in respect to the matter;
- and
- shall leave the meeting and remain absent from it at any time during consideration of the matter.