

**RECREATION, SPECIAL EVENTS CULTURE & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Town of Carbonear
Council Chambers, February 18 @ 9:40 am**

Present:	Deputy Mayor	Sam Slade
	Councillor	Ray Noel
	Director or Recreation	Rob Button
	EDTO	Kerri Abbott
	EA	Janice Green
Absent:	Councillor (Chair)	Malcolm Seymour

1. Business arising from minutes
 - Communities in Bloom – new initiative – Best Garden Selection
The EDTO reported on this initiative. If selected CIB will provide the community signage to showcase the "Best Garden Selection" from their community. It was reported the Special Events has a Best Garden Contest as part of the Carbonear Days events. The deadline to register the town is March 1, 2025. The EDTO and the Director of Recreation will review prior to registering.
2. Special Events, Culture & Tourism
 - a) Winter Carnival. The Director reported the opening ceremonies was well attended. Due to weather conditions, the sliding party is postponed until Saturday. There was a soup and sandwich event at the Legion yesterday. The Director was not certain on how many attended. Movie night is happening Friday night and the dance is taking place at the Knights of Columbus. He understood the dance is almost sold out.
 - b) The EDTO reported on the March Festival starting March 8 with International Women's Day ending after St Patrick's Day.
The committee congratulated the EDTO on the success of the Valentines Day events. The committee noted they continue to receive positive feedback from the public on how the town is decorated for special occasions. Thank you to Kerri on a job well done.
The EDTO reported a small group of volunteers get together once a week to help with painting, etc. Their help is very much appreciated as well.
3. Correspondence
 - a) Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation, Year of the Sport Funding opportunities
The Director reported funding approval in the amount of \$10,000 - this funding will allow the pool to provide free public swimming on Friday's for 12 weeks. Details of program will be shared once finalized. Also, waiting on funding approval in the amount of \$2500. This program will allow the pool to provide sport try it days. A summer project leading up to the Canada Games.

4. New Business

- a) The Director reported a meeting is scheduled with the Atlantic Regional Manager of Canadian Tire to discuss funding initiatives. He will update committee accordingly.
- b) There was some discussion on Council intention for a new facility. The committee felt the first step is to obtain land. *The committee recommends to have further discussion with Council on the matter.*
- c) Age Friendly Grant.
The EDTO reported the town was approved \$9,990 under the Age Friendly Communities program to complete an action plan on behalf of the town. *The committee recommends to contract Recreate Consulting to complete community engagement and assessment. A motion is required.*

5. Ongoing items

- Fence, Quinn's Playground – Spring project
- Trestle
- Accessible playground funding initiatives
- Benches around boardwalk
- Strategic Plan
- Locomotive – The report has been forwarded to Council for review. Further discussion will take place prior to a council decision on how to proceed.
- Cost / design pedestrian bridge
The EDTO reported the funding application is nearing completion. The updated quote is 275,000 plus survey work and the cost of the crane operation. The deadline for submission is February 28.

6. Adjournment 10:30 am