

**RECREATION, SPECIAL EVENTS CULTURE & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Town of Carbonear
Council Chambers, March 4 @ 1:30 pm**

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| Present: | Councillor (Chair) | Malcolm Seymour |
| | Deputy Mayor | Sam Slade |
| | CAO | Cynthia Davis |
| | Director or Recreation | Rob Button |
| | EDTO | Kerri Abbott |
| Absent: | Councillor | Ray Noel |

1. Business arising from minutes
2. Special Events, Culture & Tourism
Plans are underway for a new weekend festival in May that will be called the Stationers Festival. This was the name of a festival that took place in the 80's.
3. Correspondence
4. New Business
 - a) Downhome Expo – The committee recommends the town having a booth again this year.
 - b) 2025 Explore Travel Guide – The committee recommends advertising in the travel guide as in the past.
 - c) New phone system for Pool – The pool has had issues with the phone system. Bell has been contacted several times to investigate the issues and have informed the staff that the issue is related to the phone system which is obsolete. Bell no longer provides phone systems. The town has obtained quotes from those that provide commercial systems. Alt is recommended to provide the new system for an installation fee of \$5,980 HST included and a monthly rate of \$145. This system will work through the internet which should be more dependable than the current system. A draft motion will be prepared.
 - d) Tender for automatic sliding doors – This is included in the 2025 budget. The committee recommends proceeding to tender for the replacement of the front doors at the Carbonear swimming pool. The sliding doors will be more accessible for the public. A draft motion will be prepared.
 - e) Skating Rinks – It was noted that they were well used and there was positive feedback from the public. The only negative feedback was in relation to hockey being played on both rinks at times. Signs will be installed for next year indicating that one rink is for hockey and sticks and pucks cannot be used on the other rink so it can be used for general skating. It was recommended to complete signage with rules and guidelines related to use of the rinks.
 - f) Old Post Office, Clock Tower – It was noted that it was witnessed that the Heritage

Society was allowing the public to climb via a ladder up into the clock tower. There was a locked hatch installed so this could not be accessed by the public for safety reasons. Employees only or anyone contracted to complete repairs should be the only ones accessing this tower. Staff will take appropriate steps to prevent access to the tower.

- g) Pedestrian Bridge, Recreation Facility to Davis Earle Trail – An application has been made for this bridge under a recent funding program.

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.
- Pedestrian bridge

6. Adjournment 2:20 pm