

**RECREATION, SPECIAL EVENTS CULTURE & TOURISM
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Town of Carbonear
Council Chambers, March 11, 2026 @ 4:00pm

Present:	Chair Councillor	Wendy Penney
	Deputy Mayor	Fred Earle
	Councillor	Malcolm Seymour
	Director of Recreation	Rob Button
	EDTO	Kerri Abbott
	Mayor	Sam Slade
Absent:	Interim CAO	Cathy Somers
	EA	Janice Green

1. Business Arising

a. Contractor quotes

Director reported that after trying to contact several options has found someone to complete the tile work for the Sauna and Front Changeroom. Waiting on quote.

b. Communities In Bloom

EDTO gave a report of the preparation meeting held between herself, Director of Recreation and Director of Public Works. During meeting they reviewed past evaluations and began a checklist to begin work for this years Communities in Bloom evaluation. Next meeting March 18th.

c. Sustainable Municipal Buildings/Green Municipal Fund

Staff continuing to follow up for information to apply for funding.

2. Special Events, Culture & Tourism

a. Update given regarding the rescheduled Winter Carnival Dance. Refunds period has ended and being processed. Dance is scheduled for March 21st and ticket resale has begun.

3. Correspondence

a. Scotts Canada

As part of the CIB program the town has been approved/selected to participate in the 2026 Miracle-Gro Best Garden Contest. 12 Garden signs and Miracle-Gro products will be provided to best garden participants/winners. Staff will follow up with Special Events Committee to provide items as part of their yearly best garden event.

b. NL Health Services, Mental Health and Addictions Services, enquiring about space at community garden. Staff has offered space and will work with group.

- c. Pool Fees Honorary Firefighters – Committee reviewed Policy and recommending to update policy to include pool usage of non-instructional programs for all retired employees and honorary firefighters.
4. EDTO Report
 - a. Mural Tiles have arrived. Staff is in process of distributing tiles.
 - b. Updated Progress of Crafters Circle and Ray Johnson (Ask Kerri for specifics)
 - c. Working on Showing the Documentary – “Don’t Tell the Newfoundlanders” at the Theatre.
 - d. Gave an update on the EcoNext workshop. Lots of learning and good discussions were had. Next step is to receive report of the discussion and priorities.
5. New Business
 - a. Snow Clearing of Pool Parking Lot and Facilities Operations.
Director discussed the procedures for snow clearing of the pool parking lot and it being cleared in a timely matter. Programming starting most mornings by 9/9:30 and many times lot is not cleared. Reviewed the current season work plan for snow clearing.
6. Action Items
 - a. Sauna Maintenance (discussed in business arising)
7. Ongoing Items
 - a. Q-R Code
 - b. Sign Pike’s Field
 - c. Cost of Expropriation – Information sent to lawyer to start process
 - d. Locomotive Report
 - e. Claude Garland Memorial Playground fence repair
 - f. Pedestrian Bridge – staff to check on status of application
 - g. Fence, Quinn’s Playground – Spring Project
 - h. Accessible playground funding initiatives
 - i. Strategic Plan
 - j. 2026 Harvest Run – meeting with stakeholders
8. Adjournment 5:02pm