

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

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

Present:	Chair Councillor	Wendy Penney
	Deputy Mayor	Fred Earle
	CAO	Cynthia Davis
	Mayor	Sam Slade
	Director or Recreation	Rob Button
	EDTO	Kerri Abbott
	EA	Janice Green
Absent:	Councillor	Malcolm Seymour

1. Business arising from minutes

- Pool maintenance deferred for contractor quotes

The Director reported that some parts were replaced on the Dectron unit, and the temperatures are now back to normal. The quote for material costs to complete the sauna renovations was also reviewed. The cedar cost is \$3,305.31, and the slip-resistant tile is approximately \$1,200. The grout will be mold-resistant at approximately \$500. The total budgeted amount is \$5,000; therefore, these repairs are expected to remain within budget.

2. Special Events, Culture & Tourism

- a) The Winter Carnival starts tomorrow night with fireworks, smores. The newsletter is going out today and there are lots of activities and events planned for the next week.

3. Correspondence

4. EDTO Report

- a) Planning is ongoing for the Art event. Staff is moving forward on organizing the mosaic tile project.
- b) The website is currently down following a potential cyber attack. Staff is working on getting it online.

The Mayor left the meeting.

5. New Business

a) Pool closure

It was reported that the pool was forced to close as both full-time lifeguards were off sick. The pool cannot remain open with only part-time staff on duty.

- b) Email from the MP regarding Sustainable Municipal Buildings / Green Municipal Fund. There was some discussion on if the Carbonear Pool facility should make application for funding for energy retrofits. It was noted the theatre is also experiencing issues as well. This will be reviewed further with staff.

It was also noted that Newfoundland Power may also have funding initiatives. There was some discussion on having energy audits completed on town building. Staff to reach out to Newfoundland Power.

6. Action Items

- Q-R Code
The signs should be received by Friday and will be passed along to staff to install
- Sign Pike's Field – Sign to be updated.
Move to ongoing item.

7. Ongoing items

- Cost of Expropriation
The committee recommends to proceed to the next step. The information to be forwarded along to the lawyer to start the process.
- RFP Recreation
- Locomotive Report
- Claude Garland Memorial Playground fence repair
- Pedestrian Bridge – staff to check on status of application
- Fence, Quinn's Playground – Spring project
- Accessible playground funding initiatives
- Strategic Plan
- 2026 Harvest Run – meeting with stakeholders

8. Adjournment 4:40 pm