

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

Town of Carbonear

Council Chambers, February 24, 2026 @ 4:00 pm

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

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1. Business Arising

- Pool Maintenance

The Dectron unit is now fully restored.

The tiles for the sauna have been received. Staff have requested a list of local contractors to contact for quotes. Arrangements will also be made to have the cedar picked up for the sauna.

- Winter Carnival Recap

It was reported that the Winter Carnival events were well attended; however, some events were cancelled. The concert was postponed due to weather and is now scheduled for March 21. Administration will review how to manage the refund process. The community meal, sponsored by the SVDP Food Bank, was postponed to February 28 and was attended by 162 people. The committee was pleased with the engagement and participation of the business community in this year's carnival. There was an incident at the sliding party. It was reported

*Future consideration:* It was suggested that staff inspect all Town facilities prior to scheduled events to ensure there are no safety hazards.

- Sustainable Municipal Buildings / Green Municipal Fund

Staff to reach out to NL Power – funding initiatives / energy audit Recreation Facility. It was reported staff has also requested a quote from a HVAC company.

a) Special Events, Culture & Tourism

The next event for the Special Events Committee is Canada Day.

2. Correspondence

a) It was reported an email was forwarded to a member of Council from the

elementary school regarding Recreation Wellness Program. Recreation staff will discuss and respond to this request.

Committee was reminded any correspondence for discussion should be forwarded along to the EA for inclusion in the agenda.

### 3. EDTO Report

- a) The mural tiles should arrive soon. Staff to arrange for distribution of the tiles. The hope is to have the tiles painted and ready to ship back after Easter Break.
- b) Folklore Students. Staff will make application under the Wage Subsidy program to hire university students to complete historical research. The research will be saved digitally.
- c) Stationers Festival  
Some discussion on moving the date to June.
- d) Funding to host a Multicultural event has been approved. The date to be determined.
- e) Also, some discussion on a local producer requesting to come to Carbonear to show a movie. Staff to check with the lecture room at CNA.
- f) Some discussion on if the town could schedule Line Dancing classes.
- g) It was reported that CNA is partnering with the Community Garden.

### 4. New Business

- a) Director of Recreation Report  
The committee inquired on the recent report of lesson registration. It was reported that it is not uncommon to see a reduction in swimming pool lesson registrations during the winter months. This will pick up in the spring.
- b) The Community Sector Council is partnering with the town and will be scheduling a time to visit the area to host sessions on inclusion and accessibility social connections sometime in May. Staff is investigating funding initiatives through the CSC as well.
- c) Communities in Bloom. It was reported that department heads and staff is reviewing the recommendations from the previous judges. Staff is working on an action plan to address the recommendations.  
There was also some discussion on making application for miracle grow products that can be used as prizes for the Best Garden Contest sponsored by the Special Events Committee.
- d) March 9 is International Women's Day and staff is working on a breakfast session in the lobby.
- e) Scanning party – Heritage NL  
Staff is working on plans to host a scanning party where the public will be able to attend and bring along old photos for scanning.
- f) Staff is working on tender documents for horticulturalist.

### 5. Action Items

### 6. Ongoing items

- a. Q-R Code – Staff researching other companies.
- b. Sign Pike's Field
- c. Cost of Expropriation – Information sent to lawyer to start the process
- d. Locomotive Report – March meeting planned
- 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

1. Adjournment                      4:55 pm