

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

Town of Carbonear  
Council Chambers, March 25, 2026 @ 4:00 pm

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

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1. Business Arising
  - Pool Maintenance  
The contractor has been hired to complete the tile work for the sauna. This should be done within the next few weeks.
  - Quotes from surveyor, Valley Road  
The quotes are being reviewed. This is within the amount that can be approved by the CAO who will proceed to contact the surveyor
  - Mosaic Mural project – the deadline to return the tiles is Easter Week. The tiles must be returned by April 15.
  
2. Special Events, Culture & Tourism
  - a) The Special Events committee is reviewing quotes to purchase a battery operated outside speaker. Deferred pending review of the quotes.
  - b) The Paddy's Garden concert date is August 22 with the Masterless Men. Committee is confirming another band as well.
  
3. Correspondence  
No correspondence for review.
  
4. EDTO Report  
No report, EDTO on vacation.
  
5. New Business
  - a) The committee reported on the meeting with the Heritage Society. The Locomotive Report was presented and options were discussed. The committee felt it was a very positive meeting and looks forward to hearing back from the Heritage Society once they have reviewed the report.  
The committee expressed their concerns with respect to the deteriorated condition of the train and felt it has become a safety hazard and inquired if the train could be closed off to the public with signage prohibiting individual's access to the structure. Staff to investigate liability issues / disclaimer.

b) Meeting with consultant

The Director of Recreation reviewed the details of the meeting with the design team, along with the three options being presented for Council's consideration. A copy of the presentation will be placed in Dropbox for committee review. In the meantime, the committee agreed that Council should move forward with the design work for the splash pad and universal playground.

The committee also discussed the importance of a modern recreation facility/wellness centre. It was noted that Carbonear Hospital is a significant factor in attracting professionals who wish to move to the community.

6. Action Items

a) Basketball net repair

The Director will make it a priority to order the basketball rims and materials.

b) Hockey nets

The Director to proceed to purchase hockey nets. It is the intent to have all playground operational by May 24 weekend.

c) Claude Garland Memorial Playground fence repair

The Director of Recreation will further discuss with the works department to coordinate the repairs to the playground fence. The committee had some discussion on emails from concerned residents on recent activities in the area and individuals accessing the playground through the fence. The committee stressed the importance of having the repairs done. The Director will follow up.

7. Ongoing items

- Sustainable Municipal Buildings / Green Municipal Fund  
Staff to obtain quotes from HVAC company. Staff to reach out to NL Power for further information on funding initiatives / energy audit for Recreation Facility
- Q-R Code
- Sign Pike's Field
- Cost of Expropriation – Information sent to lawyer to start the process
- 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                      4:50pm