

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

Town of Carbonear
Council Chambers, January 28, 2026 @ 4:05 pm

Present:

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

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1. Business arising from minutes
 - Cost of Expropriation – The Committee reviewed a follow-up email from the town lawyer regarding the expropriation process. There is a motion of council to proceed with the expropriation of the property. This motion will be required to be rescinded if council decides not to proceed with the expropriation.
 - The Age Friendly Recreation Consulting Services Report – The report was distributed to the Committee for review. The report is a requirement for future funding initiatives and will be placed on file for future reference.
 - Canada Connects Mural Mosaic Host Community - The Town has been chosen to participate in the Project. The mural is made up of hundreds of individual tiles, each painted by artists from across the country. The cost for design and production that includes delivery and installation is \$6500 plus HST. *The Committee expressed strong support for the initiative and recommended participating in the project.* A draft motion will be prepared.
 - Newsletter - Staff is hoping to have the newsletter out by February 4. The newsletter will be sent electronically through Carbonear Connect. A paper copy of the newsletter will be available to residents upon request.

 2. Special Events, Culture & Tourism
 - a) The committee had some discussion on events for Winter Carnival. These events will be posted in the newsletter.

 3. Correspondence

 4. EDTO Report
 - Anti racism project taking place Wednesday February 18
 - Arts Celebration – February 21 difference locations
 - Q-R code - Signage not satisfactory, waiting on new signs

- Heritage open house taking place February 16, at the CBRCC. The Heritage Society will have an event on February 18 at the Old Post Office

5. New Business

a) Pool Maintenance update

The parts for the heating unit have been ordered and are expected to be received early next week. As this impacts air temperatures, the Committee discussed pool operations. It was agreed that operations will continue as usual with current conditions.

Repairs to the sliding doors are scheduled for the following day.

Additional maintenance items were identified, including the sauna and the men's change room. It was noted that the Town has limited carpentry resources. *The Committee recommends having work completed by a contractor.* Three quotes will be obtained for review.

b) Princess Sheila NaGeira Theatre Silent Auction in aid of the North Shore Fires Recovery Fund – A pool rental will be provided.

6. Action Items

- Q-R Code – discussed earlier

7. Ongoing items

- RFP Recreation
- Sign Pike's Field
- Locomotive Report
- Claude Garland Memorial Playground concerns
- 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 5:25 pm