

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

Town of Carbonear
Council Chambers, May 13, 2026 @ 4:00 pm

Present:	Chair Councillor	Wendy Penney
	Deputy Mayor	Fred Earle
	CAO	Cathy Somers
	Town Clerk	Christa-Lee Earle-Baker
	EDTO	Kerri Abbott
	Director of Recreation	Rob Button
Absent:	Mayor	Sam Slade
	Councillor	Malcolm Seymour

1. Business arising from minutes

- Pool Maintenance
Sauna repairs are complete. The Director of Recreation is working on sourcing quotes for a new heating unit for the multi purpose room. Committee asked for clarification on the Service Contracts that the Town has with contractors.
- Survey Update
Survey is complete and will be reviewed by Council
- Special Events, Outside speaker
The committee is waiting on quotes. Plans for the summer concert are in motion and it will be held on August 22 with 3 acts this year: Devon Mullaly, Riley Meadus and The Masterless men
- Update on liability issues, locomotive
Discussion included a mural to encapsulate the train painted by members of the community. This would keep people from being able to access the train as well as add a beautiful piece of art to the area that could be used elsewhere around Town as well.
- Repairs to Claude Garland playground parking lot fence
Discussion was had about the condition of the fence and pictures have been taken.

Town Clerk left the meeting

2. Special Events, Culture & Tourism

3. Correspondence

- a) RCMP Musical Ride – Regarding hosting the musical ride
Committee reviewed the information regarding hosting
Some discussion was had, however, more discussion is needed.
- b) CPRA Green Jobs Initiative – Notice of Decision

The Town was successful in receiving funding through this initiative for a Conservation Education Coordinator during the summer.

4. EDTO Report

- a) Communities in Bloom. It was reported the tentative date for the judges' visit is July 16-18. Accommodations are booked.
- b) Community Garden update. The registration form is being updated and will upload to the website shortly.
- c) Stationers Festival. Committee had discussion on some events that could take place during the festival weekend: pub night, craft fair, breakfast, trivia night, library event, dance, etc. June 12-14 is the tentative date for the festival.
- d) June 15 – Business Breakfast. Hosted by Staff and Council to prepare breakfast for the business community. This will take place from 8-10 am.

5. New Business

- a) Cricket Request
Request from resident regarding using the Town tennis courts or baseball field to practice and hold tournaments.

Director to consult with NL Power to complete an Energy Audit for the Pool facility.

Cabinets have been ordered for the multi purpose room and the flooring has arrived. Committee noted that safety sheets should be accessible and they should be available on all products being used at the facility. Chemicals should all be stored properly and safely.
Director to source 2 other quotes for 2x2 ceiling tiles before a motion can be made.

The pool was closed for maintenance for a short time while Air Quality Testing was being completed at the facility. These closures may have to happen on occasion while other renovations are being completed. but staff make every effort to plan these closures so programming will not be affected. Council thank the public for their understanding when these closures occur.

6. Action Items

- a) QR Code
Signs have been printed and are ready to be installed at 5 locations around Town. Residents can scan the QR code and send suggestions and comments to the Town.

7. Ongoing items

- Mosaic Tile Project
 - . The project unveiling will be June 1. Benches and Govee Lights are to be installed for the Mural reveal.
- 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
 - Staff hopes to have the codes soon.
- Sign Pike's Field
 - Director of Recreation to investigate
- Cost of Expropriation – Information sent to lawyer to start the process
- Locomotive Report
 - This will be removed from the list of ongoing items.
- Pedestrian Bridge – staff to check on status of application with the MP.
- Fence, Quinn's Playground – Spring project
- Accessible playground funding initiatives
- Strategic Plan
 - Committee encouraged to review the items.
- 2026 Harvest Run – meeting with stakeholders

8. Adjournment