

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

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

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

1. Business arising from minutes

- Special Events, Outside speaker
The Special Events committee has received 3 quotes for an outdoor speaker and have agreed to purchase an outdoor speaker from Long & McGuade for a cost of \$1599 plus HST. Committee agreed with the purchase.
- Update on liability issues, locomotive
Expression of Interest has been send out through Heritage NL. Some questions have been received and there appears to be some interested parties. The staff are working on a plan to install the frame that will be used for a mural surrounding the train. The frame to be installed by June 25th with work continuing on the mural
- Repairs to Claude Garland playground parking lot fence
Repairs are now complete to the fence.
- RCMP Musical Ride
The Town's submission has been received by the RCMP and is being considered.
- Pool Maintenance
Multipurpose room renovations are complete. Director of Recreation still waiting on additional quotes for the heating system and ceiling tiles. He expects to have them soon.

2. Special Events, Culture & Tourism

- The Special Events Committee is looking for volunteers for their August Concert.
- July 4th there is a Boxing Event scheduled to take place at Paddy's Garden.
- Elevate Balloons is added to the vendors for Carbonear Day.

3. Correspondence

- a) The Autism Society NL
RE: Autism Summer Camp Training.

Committee discussed this training that is being made available to camp staff and volunteers. Director of Recreation to contact the Autism Society to discuss this training for the Summer Recreation Program staff.

b) St. John's Ambulance

RE: First Aid Services

St. John's Ambulance now has an active Unit of Volunteer Medical First Responders in the Conception Bay North Area. Committee discussed possibly availing of this service for some events.

c) Drydock Consulting

RE: Tourism Event Bay Roberts, June 10

The EDTO and Deputy Mayor Earle will be attending this event. It is designed for the tourism industry in our area with businesses and representatives from various agencies. EDTO will report back at the next meeting.

4. New Business

a) Suggestions

Outside volleyball net, pickle ball court, additional playground items

The Director of Recreation advised committee that there is an outdoor volleyball net purchased and will be erected by the ball field. He also advised that there are pickleball lines on the tennis courts for anyone wishing to play pickleball.

b) Princess Sheila NaGeira Grave Site

The Director of Recreation brought forward to committee that the Parks and Recreation staff mow the grass at the Princess Sheila NaGeira graves site on Pike's Lane which is owned by the Kiwanis Club. The Committee agreed that the staff would continue to mow the grass and will revisit if necessary.

c) SAM Photo Contest

This photo contest is now closed. EDTO will distribute the submitted photos to council to review. These photos will be used on Storyboards on the Town's walking trails.

d) Some discussion was had regarding the renaming of the community room at the Conception Bay Regional Community Centre. Committee recommends discussion with all of council.

e) EDTO advised Ainsworth did an inspection of the air conditioning at the Rorke Stores Museum and advised there was work needed to add a second unit downstairs. A quote is forthcoming. EDTO to look into funding for the project.

f) Anti-Racism Literacy Workshop will take place on June 20th, 2pm-3pm in the Community Room at Conception Bay Regional Community Centre. All are welcome.

g) Director of Recreation advised there was interest expressed for a Christmas Craft Fair in the area and a group is looking for space in our area to have a sale in the fall.

h) Director of Recreation to source pop-up signs for the Parks and Recreation staff to place in the area when they completing work.

5. Action Items

Parks and Recreation staff advised there was a tree uprooted at the War Memorial. Quotes are to be obtained to have the tree removed.

6. Ongoing items

- Survey Update – Gone to consultant.
- Sustainable Municipal Buildings / Green Municipal Fund
Staff to obtain quotes from HVAC company. Staff reached out to NL Power for further information on funding initiatives / energy audit for Town facilities. Audit should be conducted in June.
- Sign Pike's Field
Sign is ready to be erected. Director to advise staff to place signage.
- Cost of Expropriation – On hold for further discussion.
- Pedestrian Bridge – Correspondence has been received advising the Town's application is being reassessed as funding is available.
- Fence, Quinn's Playground – Director of Recreation looking at options for fencing of the playground. Sign also to be erected.
- Accessible playground funding initiatives – Committee is committed to moving forward with this initiative. Waiting on finalized plan from planner.
- Strategic Plan
Committee encouraged to review the items.
- 2026 Harvest Run
- QR Codes – to be placed at the playground facilities so residents can contact the Town by scanning the code.
- Davis Earle Trail – Deputy Mayor Earle inquired about work being completed on the trail. Parks and Recreation staff to investigate. EDTO advised that the Town has applied for a JCP project and that will include further work on the trails.

7. Adjournment