

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.
Seniors Room

Members Present: CAO/Clerk Nicole Gourlay, Secretary of Recreation Becky Logan, Councillor Jill Sharer, Tracey Mashinter, Pauleen Patton, Patti Kennery and Debbie Watson.

Regrets: Bea Dubuc, Janet Dunsmore

1. Call the Meeting to Order at 2:05pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Res. No. 01-26 Patti Kennery, Debbie Watson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney, adopts the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Interest

None Noted.

4. Delegations/Presentations

None

5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 02-26 Jill Sharer, Tracey Mashinter

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adopts the minutes of November 26, 2025 and December 18, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Items for Discussion

6.1. Staff Activity & Programming Report

The Committee reviewed the recreational programming spreadsheets from 2024 and 2025 and commented on how excellent the pickleball turnout was in 2025 compared to 2024. The Committee discussed reaching out to Lisa about possibly adding more weights to the exercise equipment inventory. The new evening Fitness Class with Amanda will start next Monday, January 19. Wednesday night yoga program is going good. The Committee agreed to cancel pickleball on Wednesday, March 18 to accommodate the library's birds of prey event during March Break.

6.2. Debrief on Christmas Decorating Contest

The Committee discussed how to encourage more participation for next year including improving promotion, advertising prize money, etc. The Committee agreed to do the contest again in 2026.

6.3. Update on Canada Day thus far

CAO/Clerk gave an update that the Tobin Spring band was secured for \$1400 for the 3-piece band. They will perform from 1:00PM – 3:30PM with a short break. He might introduce a fourth band member for \$1500. The Committee discussed securing a face painter, bouncy inflatables, and crafts and games for kids, etc. and agreed that a request to Council for Main Street to be closed for the duration of the event should be done at the next available Council meeting. We will look into possibly applying for a grant for this event next year.

6.4. Update on Movie Night

2026 Movie Night is set for Saturday, September 19 and the movie company was reached out to for invoice and EFT details. The Committee discussed how to best coordinate ticket sales. The Committee mentioned the need for improved promotion for the event this year.

6.5. Update on Music at Mirror Bay

All dates in 2026 have been booked with musicians aside from Saturday, July 11. Staff are waiting for a response from the next available musicians to fill that date asap. Saturday, June 27 is being left open as a rain date for the Revue. The CAO/Clerk confirmed with the Committee that Music at Mirror Bay's budget is at \$2700 so far without the July 11 date booked. The Committee discussed ordering a retractable banner from Vistaprint to promote the music acts in conjunction with the movie night event and other seasonal events if possible.

6.6. Finalize 2026 Budget for events and programming

Councillor Sharer left the meeting at 3:20PM

The CAO/Clerk informed the Committee that the recreation budget for 2025 included \$17,000 in budgeted revenue and \$27,000 in budgeted expenses, with actual revenue to date being \$18,700, and actual expenses at \$28,000. The Committee discussed programming they'd like to introduce in 2026 including an evening/night drop-in sports program during the summer months. A budget will need to be allocated for new sports equipment. The Committee discussed collaborating with the library on a March Break camp program. Some other suggestions from members of the Public have been floor hockey, soccer, and an obstacle course for younger kids. The CAO/Clerk went through each expense from last year's recreation budget and the Committee agreed they'd like to repeat most of the previous year's events and recreational programming except for line dancing, games day/night, donation to the Legion for Canada Day and the skating event.

Adjournment

Res. No. 03-26

Patti Kennery, Tracey Mashinter

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adjourns the meeting at 4:00PM to meet again at 2:00PM on February 10, 2026.

CARRIED

Laureen Patton
Chair

B. Goggin
Secretary