

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.
Seniors Room

Members Present: Secretary Becky Logan, Treasurer Jenny Leblond, Councillor Jill Sharer, Janet Dunsmore, Pauleen Patton, Tracey Mashinter and Debbie Watson.

Regrets: Bea Dubuc, Patti Kennerly

1. Call the Meeting to Order at 2:08pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Res. No. 11-26 Tracey Mashinter, Janet Dunsmore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney, adopts the agenda as amended and revise Item 6.6 to Summer Programming, including swimming and weekly drop-in sports.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Interest

None Noted.

4. Delegations/Presentations

None.

5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 12-26 Debbie Watson, Jill Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adopts the minutes of February 10, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Items for Discussion

6.1. Staff Activity & Programming Report

The Committee reviewed the February programming report and noted that fitness class attendance remains stable, with a modest increase in drop-ins. Staff reported that Wednesday evening Yoga ended on its session on March 4, and the instructor is on hiatus until further notice. Kids Dance began its first session of the year on March 5, with nine children registered across both classes. The Committee also reviewed the Staff Report, which included an overview of fitness programming and recommendations to adjust the budget in response to the success of Monday evening fitness. Staff reiterated to the Committee that cost-recovery is not a primary objective for recreational programming. The Committee discussed coordinating another community survey regarding Yoga. The Committee retroactively approved an increase to Lisa's rate and agreed to expand Amanda's program session blocks for the year.

Res. No. 13-26 Janet Dunsmore, Tracey Mashinter

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney agrees to increase Lisa's rate from \$50 - \$60 per class for the duration of her contract.

CARRIED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney approves adding four additional 8-week blocks for Monday evening fitness, totaling \$7,200.

CARRIED

6.2. Update on March Break

Staff reported that the approved equipment has been ordered and stored at the community centre. A student volunteer opportunities poster has been shared with Huntsville High School, Almaguin Highlands Secondary School, and the Burk's Falls Cadets, and has also been posted throughout Kearney and Burk's Falls. If no student volunteers come forward, Becky will supervise the gymnasium during open gym programming.

6.3. Legion Easter Sunday Pancake Activities

Lisa Lahn needs volunteers to be at the Legion for 9:30am on Sunday, April 5. A number of Committee members confirmed their availability.

6.4. Update on Music at Mirror Bay

Staff reached out to Cottage Classic Docks and they confirmed that they will donate a stage again this year, from July 1 until the end of August. Cottage Classic Docks has requested to keep the stage at the Mirror Bay parking lot instead of transporting it back and forth. This will help cover live music stage needs for Canada Day, Music on Mirror Bay and Regatta.

6.4. Minutes amended to revise date from July 1 to June 20

6.5. Update on Canada Day

Staff presented a draft map outlining the planned Main Street closure and the detour route from Lakeview Avenue to Rain Lake Road. Proposed Canada Day activities include face painting, crafts, and other kids' activities in the empty lot behind the United Church, with the bouncy castle located on Main Street pending power availability. Staff also confirmed that the Town's newly purchased 10 x 20 tent from Regatta will be available for use on Canada Day. Pauleen reiterated that the Lions will provide popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. We will direct event-goers to park at the community centre. Staff and the Committee will work on procuring volunteers for the event.

6.6. Summer Programming

The Committee would like Staff to reach out to last year's swimming instructor to being preparations for this year's swim program. Staff will review last year's rates and participation numbers, and will provide an update in April's meeting. The Committee noted that the swim instructor requires advance registration to organize the class schedule, so this should be prioritized. The Committee discussed what age group should be targeted for the Summer Drop-In Sports weekly program. Staff will consult with the Town's insurance provider regarding age requirements for participation without parental supervision. Staff will also review existing programming schedules and long-weekend dates to recommend a suitable day of the week. The Committee agreed to revisit these items in the next meeting once Staff has gathered the necessary information.

7. Adjournment

Res. No. 15-26

Janet Dunsmore, Patti Kennerly

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adjourns the meeting at 3:30PM to meet again at 2:00PM on April 14, 2026.

CARRIED



Chair



Secretary