

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.
Community Centre Gymnasium

Members Present: Secretary Becky Logan, Councillor Jill Sharer, Janet Dunsmore, Pauleen Patton, Bea Dubuc and Debbie Watson.

Regrets: Patti Kennery, Tracey Mashinter

1. Call the Meeting to Order at 2:04PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Res. No. 16-26 Janet Dunsmore, Patti Kennery

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. 17-26 Jill Sharer, Janet Dunsmore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adopts the minutes of March 10, 2026 as amended to revise item 6.4 to include Music on Mirror Bay starting June 20, 2026.
CARRIED

6. Items for Discussion

6.1. Staff Activity & Programming Report

6.2. 1 YTD

The Committee reviewed feedback regarding non-resident participation in the Kearney Community Centre pickleball program, reaffirming that, as a free drop-in, it remains open, inclusive, and consistent with other townships. Participation is expected to balance with the use of the Lions Pavilion as a secondary location this summer. Advertising for the next session of kids dance is underway. The Committee also discussed the return of youth baseball through the Almaguin Minor Softball Association (AMSA), noting an assistant coach is based in Kearney and that roster spots remain open for ages 8–13. Council approved a \$500 contribution, and the Committee discussed that an additional \$1,000 donation to AMSA will be coming from the Legion.

6.1. 2 Swimming Lessons

The Committee discussed the return of swimming instructor Jennifer Joiner, with Staff confirming that the terms of her previous contract will be carried forward for the current season. Jennifer has proposed adjusting the session format from three weeks to two weeks at the end of July, which the Committee supported, noting that the third week is typically

shortened due to the long weekend. The Committee also reviewed the Town's practice of subsidizing 50% of registration costs per child and emphasized the need to strengthen promotional efforts for swim registration, highlighting the importance of water safety, drowning prevention, and safe enjoyment of local lakes. Staff will continue to coordinate with Jennifer regarding registration details.

6.1.3 Draft Yoga Survey

Staff prepared a draft yoga survey for conversion to Microsoft Forms and distribution via email to all registered yoga participants. The Committee emphasized the importance of clearly advertising program difficulty levels for future yoga offerings. The Committee reviewed the draft survey and directed Staff to distribute it to participants and report back with the results.

6.2. Recap of March Break

Staff reported that the open gym programming over March Break was successful, with 19 children attending on Monday and 22 on Friday. The new plasmacars were well received by participants. Staff also noted an incident involving a child who was not under parental supervision and sustained a minor injury, requiring Staff to contact the parents for pickup. Staff reiterated the importance of parental supervision for these programs, but noted aside from this incident that the rule was generally followed and respected. It was also reported that several children assisted with cleanup at the conclusion of Monday's program. The Committee discussed the potential implementation of a weekly open gym hour for homeschooled children and agreed to explore the idea further.

6.3. Recap of Legion Easter Sunday

The Committee debriefed on the Legion's Easter Sunday event and noted that it was well attended overall; however, wait times were lengthy for some participants. The Committee discussed opportunities to improve equipment and organization for future events and considered options to better address candy distribution differences between older and younger children next year.

6.4. Update on Music at Mirror Bay and Canada Day

The Committee directed Staff to explore the installation of bulletin boards at transfer sites to enhance advertising for summer events. Staff reported that Council approved the Main Street road closure request for the Canada Day event, and that proper notice will be provided to affected property owners. The Committee also discussed and agreed to purchase a Canada Day-themed cake and considered offering a "Loonie" snack deal for the Lions concession stand.

6.5. Summer Drop-In Sports Program

Staff presented the Committee with a report outlining recommendations from the Town's insurance provider and discussed implementing a registration process for the summer drop-in sports program. The report emphasized the importance of parental supervision for youth under the age of 12, the requirement of completed waivers at the time of registration, and the presence of volunteers and/or Staff during programming. The Committee discussed and agreed to offer two one-hour program blocks: one for ages 11 and under, requiring parental supervision, and one for ages 12 and over, who may participate independently. The

Committee further agreed to schedule the program as an eight-week session on Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Staff and the Committee will coordinate the drop-in program schedule and activities per week further in the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

Res. No. 18-26

Janet Dunsmore, Patti Kennerly

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adjourns the meeting at 3:29PM to meet again at 2:00PM on May 12, 2026.

CARRIED

D. Patton

Chair

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Secretary