

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.
Seniors Room

Members Present: Secretary Becky Hagedorn, Councillor Jill Sharer, Pauleen Patton, Bea Dubuc, Debbie Watson, Patti Kennery and Tracey Mashinter

Regrets: Janet Dunsmore

1. Call the Meeting to Order at 2:06PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Res. No. 19-26 Jill Sharer, Debbie Watson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adopts the agenda as amended to include Aspen Valley Workshop in June.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Interest

None Noted.

4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1 Kamila Kowlaska Kearney & Area Public Library

- CEO/Librarian spoke to the Committee about how the Kearney Library Board is hosting a Western-themed fundraising event, "Hometown Roundup Rodeo," on September 19, 2026, coinciding with the Recreation Committee's Drive-In Movie Night. In collaboration with Rick Parker, the event will feature Western-themed activities such as a lasso challenge, horseshoe toss, "Gold Rush" Bingo, and more, along with food, alcohol service by the Legion, and planned admission and food fees. Kamila proposed partnering with the Recreation Committee for a joint event and suggested screening *The Goonies* to complement the theme. She also requested member support with game stations, decorating, and advertising.

- Kamila and Becky briefed the Committee on a June 13 workshop supporting the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. A community member proposed hosting a representative to present on wildlife rehabilitation and fundraising, at a quoted cost of \$350. The Committee discussed alternative options, including a pop-up linen drive and wildlife-themed crafts for children. Kamila and Becky will follow up with the community member to further develop the program. Kamila left the meeting at 2:40PM.

5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 20-26 Patti Kennery, Bea Dubuc

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adopts the minutes of April 14, 2026.

CARRIED

6. Items for Discussion

6.1. Staff Activity & Programming Report

6.2. 1 YTD

Tuesday and Thursday fitness remain well attended. Kids dance has renewed for another eight-week session with consistent registration. Monday night fitness has also renewed for eight weeks despite not meeting the minimum attendance, as participation remains steady. Attendance across programs is expected to decline over the summer; therefore, Monday night

fitness may go on hiatus beginning June 6 if interest drops. Staff will continue to monitor participation and report back.

6.1.2 Pickleball Procedures

Patti reported strong pickleball attendance, noting challenges with mixed skill levels, including reduced play quality for experienced participants and instances of court monopolization. The Committee discussed potential solutions, such as adding beginner-only time slots (3:00 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:00 p.m. Wednesdays), assigning courts by skill level, or designating skill-specific sessions. Staff were directed to confirm with the CAO/Clerk whether additional hours are feasible. The Committee also supported reintroducing outdoor pickleball at the Lions Pavilion with appropriate signage and discussed implementing an equipment sign-out system for outdoor use.

6.1.3 Swimming Lessons

Advertising for swimming lesson registration is underway. The Committee requested that Staff emphasize the Town's subsidy of the program, which will be highlighted on the website and social media.

6.1.4 Review of Yoga Survey Results

Staff reported the yoga survey results, with restorative/yin yoga identified as the most requested format and overall satisfaction reported with scheduling, pricing, and the instructor. The Committee noted the need to advertise class skill levels and consult with the instructor on tailoring the class to fit the format preference. Becky also notified the Committee that she will begin attending regional recreation meetings in June, which may provide access to additional instructors and resources.

6.2. Refine Youth Summer Drop-In Sports Program

The Committee agreed to run the Youth Drop-In Sports program on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., starting July 8 for eight weeks. The program will be split into two sessions: ages 11 and under (11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., with parental supervision) and ages 12 and over (12:00–1:00 p.m.). Sign-in registration and waivers will be required. Staff noted that if each Committee member supervises one two-hour session, coverage for the full program will be met. The Committee discussed coordinating with the library on concurrent programming and agreed to keep sports and activities flexible rather than following a set schedule. Setting up a net in the outdoor fenced area of the community centre for volleyball and badminton was also discussed. Staff were directed to remind instructors to store black mats after classes.

Res. No. 21-26

Debbie Watson, Patti Kennery

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney requests Staff to look into purchasing and installing a wet wipes dispenser for the KCC gym.

CARRIED

6.3. Update on Music at Mirror Bay and Canada Day

Staff presented the design of the Music on Mirror Bay retractable banner; aside from a minor date typo, it was approved and will be ordered. Staff also recommended ordering rack cards to promote all summer events in Kearney, which the Committee supported.

A draft Canada Day poster was reviewed, with feedback to add more details and adjust the colour scheme. Staff will confirm power availability at Mirror Bay for the Lions' snack stand

during live music. Bea offered to pick up the Canada Day cake, and Becky will coordinate with Public Works regarding use of the Town's generator for the bouncy castle.

6.4. Regatta

Staff and Jill requested Committee support for the upcoming Kearney Regatta, specifically for staffing the merchandise table. Approximately 4–5 volunteers are needed for four-hour shifts, with extended hours on Sunday due to fireworks.

6.5. Fall Programming

The Committee will touch base next meeting about beginning plans for fall programming.

7. Adjournment

Res. No. 22-26

Tracey Mashinter, Patti Kennery

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adjourns the meeting at 4:15PM to meet again at 2:00PM on June 9, 2026.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary