

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.
Seniors Room

Members Present: Secretary Becky Hagedorn, Councillor Jill Sharer, Pauleen Patton, Bea Dubuc, and Janet Dunsmore

Regrets: Tracey Mashinter, Patti Kennery, and Debbie Watson

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Res. No. 23-26 Janet Dunsmore, Bea Dubuc

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. 24-26 Bea Dubuc, Jill Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adopts the minutes of May 12, 2026.
CARRIED

6. Items for Discussion

6.1. Staff Activity & Programming Report

6.2. 1 2026 Program Participation YTD

Staff provided an overview of current recreation programming participation levels. Fitness and pickleball attendance continue to remain steady.

6.1. 2 Review of Monday Night Fitness

The Committee discussed participation trends within the Monday Night Fitness program. Attendance has declined from approximately 10–12 participants at program launch to approximately 4–5 participants per session. The Committee also discussed ensuring disinfectant wipes are consistently available for instructors to sanitize equipment following classes. Staff will prioritize this.

Staff presented a proposal to amend Monday night fitness into a six-week summer fitness pilot program consisting of two classes per week. The Committee supported circulating an interest survey to gauge participation before making any commitment to proceed. A minimum of 10 participants was recommended for the program to operate. Staff will launch an expression of interest form.

6.1. 3 Pickleball Update

Staff reported that the outdoor pickleball net has been installed at the Lions Pavilion and the court lines remain in good condition. Staff will put up signs at the pavilion reminding users that the space is a multi-use facility and to return the pickleball net after each use. The Committee advised Staff to purchase indoor pickleballs in a differentiating colour from the outdoor pickleballs. Staff will explore implementing an equipment sign-out system out of the municipal office. The Committee reviewed previous concerns regarding court sharing and sportsmanship and agreed that no schedule changes or expansion of hours are required at this time.

6.1.4 Music on Mirror Bay Update

Staff provided an update on the Music on Mirror Bay series, noting that the floating stage platform is scheduled for delivery on Thursday, June 18. Staff will investigate whether the Town has a band shell for the platform. Committee members noted that promotional materials have been well received by the public. They also discussed coordinating concert introductions for each Saturday performance and emphasized the importance of promoting upcoming events.

6.1.5 Summer Programming Review

Staff outlined plans for summer recreation programming, including the weekly youth drop-in open gym program on Wednesdays and reminded the Committee of needed volunteer support for each week. Staff also discussed the development of a passive summer participation challenge to encourage children to spend time outdoors, as well as the exploration of a community bingo-style activity encouraging engagement with local businesses, landmarks, and recreation opportunities throughout Kearney. The Committee expressed support for these initiatives.

6.2. Finalize Canada Day

The Committee finalized plans for the Canada Day celebration. Staff will secure Canada Day-themed decorations, plates and napkins and small Canadian flags for attendees. Bea will pick up the Canada Day cake from Costco and Staff offered to have it stored in the KCC kitchen. The Committee advised Staff to ask Tobin Spring to lead attendees in O Canada during an intermission while the cake is being brought out. Staff will coordinate event setup including tents, tables, and chairs.

6.3. Fall Programming

6.3.1 Dance Classes

Staff reported that the kids dance instructor, Jillian Peever, intends to return for a fall session. Discussions with Jillian included adjusting class times to better accommodate participant ages, a proposed ten-week session, and Staff proposing the possibility of beginning programming earlier in the fall to better align with the school calendar. The Committee also discussed opportunities to expand youth and adult recreation programming, including Zumba, volleyball, basketball, and floor hockey. Staff will investigate instructor and volunteer availability and report back with options.

7. Adjournment

Res. No. 25-26

Janet Dunsmore, Jill Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney adjourns the meeting at 3:30 PM to meet again at 2:00PM on July 7, 2026.

CARRIED