



Yarmouth Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Date: Monday, March 3rd, 2025

Time: 05:00PM-07:00PM

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers

Record of Attendance:

Mayor Pam Mood (Chair), Councillor Loren Cushing, Councillor Kelley Bishara-Lacroix, Deputy Mayor Steve Berry, Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, Councillor Daniel Muise, CAO Jeff Gushue, Recreation Director Frank Grant

1 Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Pam Mood, Chair of the Yarmouth Recreation Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. She stated the following Land Acknowledgement:

I would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded lands of the Mi'Kmaq.

2 Minutes of February 5, 2025

It was Moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Kelley Bishara-Lacroix to approve the minutes of February 5th, 2025 as presented.

Motion carried

3 Business Arising

4 Policy Review

4.1 Facility Use Booking Policy for halls and school rentals

Some great discussion took place around booking recreation facilities, both indoor and outdoor. Information was reviewed and the discussion will assist in forming a formal policy. The priority listing for bookings will be included. The Town of Yarmouth has a policy that no political meetings are to take place at Town owned facilities. User fees were discussed. Minor Sport organizations are not charged for outdoor facility use but pay fees for indoor facilities. The issue of making all bookings free for children and youth activities was discussed. Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham mentioned this statement that we can use:

Charging rental fees for recreational facilities helps balance accessibility with fiscal responsibility. These fees contribute to maintenance, improvements, and operational costs, ensuring facilities remain safe and well-maintained for all users. At the same time, pricing structures can be designed to keep access affordable, especially for community groups and youth programs. This approach ensures long-term sustainability while supporting broad public use.

5 Budget Update as of February 26th, 2025

The budget information was shared for information purposes.

6 New Business

6.1 Recreation Assets we manage

The recreation assets information was shared for information purposes.

7 Other Business

8 Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 2nd , 2025, Yarmouth Municipal Office at 4:30pm-6:30pm (*note time change)

9 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.