

**Recreation Committee Meeting  
December 9, 2025  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

Chair, Councillor Juanita Pelly  
Councillor Diane Roberts  
T. Angustia, Community Member  
J. Ruebener, Community Member

S. Long, Acting Director of Community Development  
M. Fougere, Municipal Clerk

**Absent with regrets**

Mayor S. Cameron

**1. Call to Order & Introductions/Welcome**

Chair, Councillor J. Pelly, called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Item 5.1 deferred to the next meeting.

Added "Unsightly Premises – Regional High School" under New Business Item 5.5.

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by: J. Ruebener

**Motion carried.**

**3. Acceptance of the Minutes from October 14, 2025**

**3.1 Minutes of the October 14, 2025, meeting were accepted as circulated.**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**4.1 – 4.3 Summer Staff Reports, Summer Camp Attendance, and Incidents / Letters of Support**

A memo and detailed report regarding the Town's 2025 Summer Camps were circulated in advance of the meeting. S. Long spoke to the report, which addressed summer staff operations, camp attendance, and incidents or correspondence. Key highlights were summarized, and the committee discussed the information collectively under these agenda items.

Highlights included early drop-off and late pickup options, a decline in attendance compared to previous years.

No incidents were reported. One family has outstanding payments for two weeks of camp, and Corporate Services is working with them on a payment plan.

S. Long also briefly noted items from the Recreation Intern's Guide and confirmed that the annual partnership with Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) continues, with an ISANS student hired through the program. The committee received the information.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 Moving and Mingling Presentation**

Deferred to the next meeting.

### **5.2 Application Grants**

S. Long advised that no general grant applications have been identified at this time. C. Rankin, Manager Parks and Recreation who is new to his position, is currently reviewing available opportunities. Nothing to report at this time.

### **5.3 Applications for Summer Students**

S. Long provided an update on summer student hiring and funding applications. Funding applications are due soon. The intern and camp coordinator are scheduled to begin in May, and summer camp leaders will apply in March for eight-week positions. All training will be provided in-house by the Coordinator and Camp Leader. Camp programs will run on-site for seven weeks, with Wednesdays designated as Beach Day.

### **5.4 JJ Carroll Awards**

S. Long provided an overview of the JJ Carroll Awards, noting that the funds originate from Dr. J.J. Carroll's estate and that \$6,000 in cash funding is available for 2025. The funds are designated for hockey, swimming, and track and field programs. Proposed allocations include \$3,000 for STFX Track and Field, \$1,000 for Antigonish Community Swim Program, \$1,000 for the Town's Multi-Sport program, and \$1,000 for the PHAST Antigonish Swim Team.

It was further noted that upon the return of the Director of Community Development from maternity leave, the JJ Carroll Awards criteria would be reviewed and potentially revised. The committee received the information.

### **Recommended Motion to Council**

The Town of Antigonish Recreation Committee recommends to Town Council that the 2025 proposed allotment of the \$6,000.00 JJ Carroll Grant go to the STFX Track & Field Club, Antigonish Community Swim Program, The Town's Multi-Sport Program, and the PHAST Antigonish Swim Team.

Moved by: Councillor J. Pelly

Seconded by: Councillor D. Roberts

**Motion carried.**

### **5.5 Unsightly Premises**

Councillor Roberts raised a concern regarding unsightly premises at the Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional High School on Braemore Avenue. Photos were provided by a resident and forwarded to S. Long. A letter was sent to the school principal by By-Law Enforcement Officer J. Pellerin. S. Long will follow up and provide an update at the next meeting.

Next Meeting scheduled for February 3 at 5:15 pm

## **6. Adjournment**

With no further business, Councillor Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.