Recreation Committee Meeting
June 23, 2026
Town Council Chambers

Present
Chair, Councillor J. Pelly
Councillor D. Roberts
Community Member, T. Angustia
Community Member, J. Ruebener
Mayor, S. Cameron

M. Fougere, Municipal Clerk
K. MacInnis, Director of Community Development
A. MacKay, Active Living Coordinator

1. Call to Order & Introductions/Welcome

Chair, Councillor J. Pelly, called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Item 6.2 Active Transportation Trail Presentation by Mark Ballard was moved to Item 4.1.
Motion: That the agenda be approved as amended.
Moved by: Councillor Roberts
Seconded by: J. Ruebener

Motion carried.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes from April 15, 2026

The minutes of the April 15, 2026, meeting were accepted as presented.

4. Business Arising from the Minute

4.1 Active Transportation (AT) Trail Presentation – Mark Ballard

Mark Ballard presented information regarding community trail connectivity and active transportation opportunities. He reviewed existing trail networks, previous studies, and proposed trail connections, and highlighted references within the Municipal Planning Strategy related to Active Transportation.

Discussion took place regarding trail development, community connectivity, and whether active transportation matters should be considered by a subcommittee or through the Recreation Committee. Chair, Councillor Pelly advised that she would bring this forward to a future Regular Town Council meeting.

4.2 Active Living Coordinator - Update

Alana MacKay, Active Living Coordinator, provided an update on current recreation programs and initiatives. Updates included preparations for the upcoming Multisport Program, including a new partnership with StFX Bachelor of Education students to

support Net and Racquet programming, and completion of the Municipal Physical Activity Leadership (MPAL) Plan and Active Communities Fund reporting requirements.

Ms. MacKay noted that updating the Active Living Strategy will be a priority, with a draft to be presented to the Committee for review and input prior to adoption.

Updates were also provided on youth engagement initiatives, summer camp preparations and staffing, and the transition of the Town's equipment loan program to the PlayFinder platform.

4.3 Unsightly Issue at the Regional High School – Update

An update was provided regarding clean-up efforts at the Regional High School property. Parks staff have been addressing the matter, including garbage removal and site maintenance.

4.4 Regional Fields Washroom – Update

An update was provided regarding washroom services at the Regional Fields. Additional portable units have been installed, and servicing levels have been increased.

4.5 Dr. JJ Carroll Grant – Update

An update was provided regarding the Dr. J.J. Carroll Grant program. It was noted that the application process has been delayed due to staffing transitions and that it will be released soon.

4.6 John's Path -Update

An update was provided regarding maintenance to John's Path. It was noted that crusher dust was not included in the current operating budget; however, funding availability will be reviewed later in the year.

The Committee also discussed existing engineering drawings for a switchback trail improvement.

4.7 Greening Drive Park – Memo

Ms. K. MacInnis presented a memorandum regarding the future development of Greening Drive Park. Staff recommended proceeding with a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for professional playground design services to support the development of an accessible and inclusive playground concept. It was noted that the design process would assess the site against provincial accessibility standards and provide conceptual options for Committee review prior to public engagement.

Discussion took place regarding the future use of the park and the proposed approach to developing an accessible playground design.

Motion: That the Recreation Committee recommend to Town Council that staff develop an RFQ for accessible playground design services for Greening Drive Park.
Moved by: Councillor Roberts
Seconded by: J. Ruebener

Motion carried.

6. New Business

6.1 Recognition of Multi-Sport Coaches

Ms. MacKay raised the possibility of formally recognizing long-serving Multi-Sport coaches for their volunteer contributions to the program. A group recognition at a future Town Council meeting was suggested.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, Councillor Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.