



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting
February 3rd, 2025 at 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair
Sheena Whalen
Steve Featherstone, Chair
Sylvie Lamothe

ABSENT: Holly Brodhagen

STAFF: Casandra Klooster, Secretary

1. Call to order

Moved by Sheena Whalen
Seconded by Dan MacInnis

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be opened at 5:07 p.m.
Steve Featherstone, Chair

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Sheena Whalen
Seconded by Dan MacInnis

THAT the draft agenda dated the 3rd day of February, 2025 be adopted as prepared.
Steve Featherstone, Chair

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Moved by Sylvie Lamothe
Seconded by Dan MacInnis

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee of January 6th, 2025 be adopted as circulated.
Steve Featherstone, Chair

5. Presentations and Delegations

None for this session

6. Staff Reports

a. OAC Grant

An update was given on the OAC Grant funding. A call for artists has been sent to local arts groups to invite submissions for an art installation at Kaibuskong Park, set to launch on May 16th, 2025. The submission deadline is March 10th, 2025, and the Committee will convene on the same day to decide on a recommendation for Council's approval.

b. Community Garden

An update was provided on the Community Garden. An application was submitted to the TD Friends of the Environment Fund to help cover the costs of new raised beds, soil, and other essential materials. Staff have also connected with École Lorraine to involve students in the project, with one garden bed designated for them to maintain as part of a school initiative.

Efforts will also be made to secure additional sponsors, allowing businesses to sponsor a garden bed and have their company name displayed in appreciation.

7. Items for Committee Discussion

a. Trade Show

The Committee has finalized plans for the 3rd Annual Bonfield Trade Show. Vendor booths will be available for \$25, with Bonfield-based businesses and those owned by Bonfield residents receiving their deposit back at the event. Vendors from previous years will be given priority registration before opening it to the broader business community.

The Lion's Club has been secured to offer light lunch options for purchase, and staff have reached out to local business resource groups to arrange presentations.

b. Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 19th, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The event will be organized by age groups, with children collecting one empty egg of each color to exchange for a goodie bag from volunteers, ensuring all participants receive equal prizes. The Committee has proposed using the April 7th meeting to prepare the goodie bags and eggs in advance.

c. 2025 Events

Canada Day: The Committee reviewed the event timeline and, based on community feedback, agreed to hold a vote at the upcoming Town Hall. This will ensure the event reflects the community's preferences regarding which activities should be included.

Summer Camp: The Committee discussed staffing concerns for the Summer Camp program. The Reptile Camp has applied for a grant to support staffing, ensuring a safe and reliable experience for participants.

8. Motions to be Considered for Adoption

None for this session

9. Correspondence

None for this session.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Sylvie Lamothe

Seconded by Dan MacInnis

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Steve Featherstone, Chair

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SECRETARY