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Gail Degagne, Mayor

Lesley Marshall, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

RECREATION COMMITTEE – AGENDA

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

In Person

CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND

"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honor these teachings."

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes, dated August 12, 2026.
4. Business arising from last meeting:
 - (a) Horseshoe Tournament
 - (b) Memorial Signage
 - (c) Pumpkin Tour
 - (d) Beach Toy Box
 - (e) Rink Boards
 - (f) Book Library (Wasi)
5. Open Forum.
6. New Business:
 - (a) Horseshoe Tournament Donations (\$145.10)
7. Adjournment.



MINUTES
Recreation Committee Meeting @ Council Chambers
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Gail Degagne, Suad Radwan, Ian Vanblyderveen
Regrets: n/a
Absent: n/a
Staff: Monique McIsaac (recording secretary)
Guests: none.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Gail Degagne @ 7:44 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Resolution 2026-17 (REC)

Ian Vanblyderveen and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Recreation meeting, dated August 12, 2026 be accepted as written and distributed.

“Carried”

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Resolution 2026-18(REC)

Suad Radwan and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved the Minutes of the Recreation meeting of July 8, 2026 be accepted as written and distributed.

“Carried”

Business:

4. (a) **Horseshoe Beach Day 2026 (August 29, 2026)**

Bernie has a few musicians for the event, herself with Gord, Dick & Barb Gibbings, Ed Leblanc, and will reach out to Jeff as well. Gail will message Claire and Claude Degagne too see if they are available to play at the beach day. Items reviewed, and jobs confirmed. Ian will set up the tent, and Monique to request sandbags from the public works department. Pits will be raked and area clean and ready for the event.

MPP Vic Fedeli's attendance confirmed, and Gail will follow up with Pauline Rochefort.

- (b) Memorial Signage - Suad will follow up with Mike re the quotes, and he will email quotes and draft map as well to the office.
- (c) Pumpkin Tour (Saturday, October 3, 2026): Bernie will forward the email received from Matt regarding this event.

Pumpkin Tour:

- Vendors Fees & Forms
- Vendor fee \$25.00 / table
- Post on Facebook inviting vendors to apply.
- Encourage a variety of vendors so there is a good mix.
- Ian would like to see if the Amish would be interested in setting up a shed.
- Ian will follow up regarding the possibility of having the Amish set up flowers, furniture, a produce stand, etc.
- Ian would be the one to reach out to the Amish to see if they are interested.
- Ian will also see if Nick (the 3D guy) would be interested in contacting the Amish.
- How many spots - available. Lots of room. Set up on the soccer field. Ian will scope out the soccer field area and do measurements.

- Music - Bernie mentioned having instrumental.
- MNR - Ian mentioned they would be coming as well. He is to provide Monique with the contact information for them.
- Make up registration forms. Prices for each vendor/table.
- Police Services board will be setting up a table. Gail will see if the OPP can attend as well.

- Food vendors?
- Bernie will ask Adagio Farms & Matt (Firefox Farms) to see if they are ok with Ian putting it on the Callander radio.
- Passport - each vendor would have a stamp to use, for each location (3 locations) -
- Cards at all three locations
- Bernie will contact other 2 farms to see if they're ok with the passport.
- Boxes each location for passport entries.
- Enter to win a prize
- Would each vendor be interested in donating an item for the prize baskets. (2 - 3 gift baskets for the draw).
- Possibly set up a "free freezies" cooler bin at the end of Ian's driveway on Pioneer Rd. with additional signage. Rec. would purchase the freezies.

- Extra signage for directions ... maps.
- Kids events: Fire Dept. will be there and doing games.

- Rec. Comm will do a BBQ – selling hot dogs etc. prices to be determined.
- Insurance – how would this work. Confirm with Lesley.

(c) **Beach Toy Tox**

Resolution 2026-19

Bernadette Kerr and Ian Vanblyderveen: "Be it resolved that the Recreation Committee supports the purchase of the Beach Toy Box from Mike's Planters, in the amount of \$310.00".

The Beach Toy Box was picked up and is at the beach and stocked with beach toys, and there were positive comments and feedback. Very successful. In the off seasons it will be stored in the beach shack.

5. **Open Forum:**

Ian spoke about the possibility of rink boards:

- Ian spoke with Mike at the hardware store regarding the rink boards. They are willing to help with getting good pricing.
- Ian explained the idea of "selling" the rink boards so that individuals or businesses can sponsor a panel to help offset the costs.
- The rink boards would be available in **8-foot panels**, with sponsors having the option to have their name displayed on their panel.
- Ian will need to measure the rink to determine how many panels will be required.
- Pricing per panel will need to be determined once the costs are known.
- Bernie to contact Dave Yemm (Mayor Nipissing) to find out how they built theirs.

6. **New Business:**

- A donation of \$252.53 was received from the Wasi Lake Association.
- Lesley advised that she would notify Public Works about the donation and the work required on the "Book Library."
- The Township will not be responsible for the books; the donated funds will be used only to repair and improve the structure.
- The Wasi Lake Association has given permission for the work to be completed.
- It was discussed that the Association could be contacted to see if the Book Library could be moved closer to the pavilion/shed.

Resolution 2026-20(REC)

Ian Vanblyderveen and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Recreation Committee now be adjourned (@8:50 p.m.) and that the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Chisholm Fire Hall, or at the call of the Chair.

'Carried'

Chairperson

Recording Clerk