



Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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Gail Degagne, Mayor
Lesley Marshall, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

RECREATION COMMITTEE – AGENDA

Wednesday, April 1, 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 March 4, 2026.
4. Business arising from last meeting:
 - (a) Chisholm Pumpkin Tour 2026
 - (b) Annual Easter Scavenger Hunt
 - (c) BBQ (Community Yard Sale weekend).
 - (d) Mother’s Day Event
5. Open Forum.
6. New Business:
 - (a) Nothing.
7. Adjournment.



MINUTES

Recreation Committee Meeting @ Council Chambers Wednesday, March 4, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Gail Degagne, Suad Radwan, Ian Vanblyderveen
Regrets: n/a
Absent: n/a
Staff: Monique McIsaac (recording secretary)
Guests: Katrina Violette and Yvan Violette (Adagio Farms)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Gail Degagne @ 7:12 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2026-04 (REC)

Bernadette Kerr and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Recreation meeting, dated March 4, 2026 be accepted as written and distributed.

"Carried"

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 2026-05(REC)

Ian Vanblyderveen and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved the Minutes of the Recreation meeting of January 7, 2026 be accepted as written and distributed.

"Carried"

4. (a) Kids Christmas Workshop (Gingerbread House Making):

Make note to have more candy and supplies for 2026, along with an electric mixer for the royal frosting, and decorate the chair area for Santa and the pictures.

(b) Valentines Card Making 2026 Workshop (all ages):

No one from the general public attended the event, but Gail, Bernie and Suad (and kids) made the cards which were delivered to Eastholme, and were greatly appreciated.

(c) Family Day Event 2026:

Great success and turn out. Would need more hotdogs/buns for next year (ran out this year). Positive feedback and comments were made.

(d) Sunday Cards:

Attendance has been down this year. Trudy Butterworth and Andre Degagne volunteered to help 2 Sunday's that Gail was not available. The card dates were posted in the Newsletter and reminders on the Township Facebook page.

(e) Signage: No updates available or provided as at the time of the meeting of March 4, 2026.

Bernie to let Monique know what the Bank requires in writing regarding the money to be used towards the signage.

(f) Orange Park Naming Contest: To be addressed at a later date, and to be done in conjunction with the Pumpkin Tour.

(g) Pumpkin Tour 2026:

Katrina Violette and Yvan Violette the owners from Adagio Farms attended the meeting and discussed the Pumpkin Tour with the Rec. Committee.

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026

Time: TBD

Rec. Committee Pumpkin Location: Orange Park - family events, vendors, contest/games. Discussed people possibly buy their pumpkins from Adagio and bring them to the park to decorate etc. Police, OPP, Crime Stoppers will attend with table/swag. Chisholm Fire dept., kids' games, naming contest, face painting. Discussed possible fire pit - with hot dogs etc. weather permitting.

Rec. Committee wants to add to the event (Pumpkin Tour), and not take away from Adagio Farms and Fire Fox.

Adagio Farms call out to vendors August/Sept. (Wasi Chefs, musicians – Trifecta, band from North Bay). Matt from Fire Fox does it at the same time as well and they will "trade off" to avoid duplication. Adagio had corn pit last year for the kids and will do it again this year, and photo ops.

Ian and Gail are to reach out the Amish Community and see if they would like to attend the event as vendors.

It was discussed charge \$20.00 per vendor/table. Everyone is responsible for their own tents, tables.

Bernie knows of 2 – 3 possible new vendors who are not at Adagio and Fire Fox that might be interested to be a vendor at the Rec. location.

Passports were discussed, and if you visit all 3 locations, and get the passports stamped by the vendors at each location they can then enter a draw to win a prize (to be donated by Bernie). The passports would be available at each venue.

Ian to reach out to Nick (resident) asking him if he would like to donate 3 different 3D stamps for each vendor.

Parking was discussed, and the cars could park along the road, and have public works maintain the area/cut the grass for the event.

Free admission - just charge for vendor tables.

Chisholm Mascot – reach out again to Powassan and see if we can find out who made their mascot, and see if they would be interested in doing the same (but Chipmunk) for Chisholm, and the estimated cost. It was also discussed possibly ordering costume from Amazon.

Food vendors - make sure they have their food safety (health unit approval - vendors get it and need to have it for the event).

Use orange balloons day of event - directional signage put up for the day of the event as well.

June Rec. meeting re - Pumpkin tour and invite Adagio and Fire Fox again as well. Rec. to do a walk through of Orange Park before the event as well re – vendor space/layout.

Each location to do their own flyer advertising what they have. Draft up flyers, passports, stamps etc.

5. Open Forum

Nothing.

6. New Business:

(a) Family Day: Reviewed memo from Monique re: donations and supplies.

(b) Bottle Drive: Pump up the advertising for this.

(c) Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt: Bernie to provide Monique with the rhymes for the eggs with a start date of Sat. March 28, 2026, and will have them to Monique by March 25th. Event to be advertised in the Newsletter and Facebook along with a coloring contest.

Prizes for coloring contest - 3 prizes (adult chocolates too).

Prize for the scavenger hunt – 1 prize.

Prize for photos with the Nome – 1 prize.

Monique to purchase the prizes (5 in total).

7. **Additional Items:**

(a) BBQ – Rec will host a BBQ again this year, on the same day as the Community Yard Sale/Boot Drive/Bake Sale (same location as the tree lighting).

(b) Mother's Day Event: Plant flowers in teacups. Bernie will donate the tea cups, and a flat of pansies to be purchased. Free event.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026

Time: TBD

Location: Township Office.

(c) Monique to print calendar for the year with tentative dates of the events and to provide to rec.

Resolution 2026-06(REC)

Suad Radwan and Ian Vanblyderveen: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Recreation Committee now be adjourned (@ 9:00 p.m.) and that the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

'Carried'

Chairperson

Recording Clerk