



RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 30, 2025
East Ferris Council Chambers

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Chair Wendy St. Denis
 Michelle St. Onge Kim Rose, Deputy Clerk
 Donna St. Martin Jenna Cowden, Program Coordinator
 Greg Kirton, Director of Community Services

EXCUSED ABSENT: Jessie Perron

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Erin Plourde, Delegate

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Rochefort called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion No. 2025-01

Moved by Donna St. Martin

Seconded by Michelle St. Onge

THAT the draft agenda circulated to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee dated the 30th day of January 2025, be hereby adopted as amended to add the following:

11.a.1 Carnival Breakfast

CARRIED

3. **Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Motion No. 2025-02

Moved by Michelle St. Onge

Seconded by Wendy St. Denis

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee held on October 15th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None for this session.

5. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None for this session.



6. Chair's Comments

Chair Rochefort expressed her appreciation of the committee members and noted that each one is involved in the community in many forms. Chair Rochefort thanked the members for reflecting the true meaning of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee in their everyday lives.

7. Delegations to Committee – Erin Plourde: Request for addition of park in Astorville

Mrs. Plourde made a presentation to the Committee, requesting that a park be created on Astor Street in Astorville. The presentation included a survey of residents, statistics, and a plan to move forward with partnerships for use of playground equipment.

The Committee was receptive of the delegation, while noting the need for Council approval and budget constraints. The following resolution was passed:

Motion No. 2025-03

Moved by Donna St. Martin

Seconded by Wendy St. Denis

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends to Council that the construction of a community playground/park in Astorville be included in the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan under the item 'Pocket Parks'.

CARRIED

8. Committee Reports

None for this session.

9. Correspondence and Information Items

None for this session.

10. Action Items

None for this session.

11. Other Business

a.1) Carnival Breakfast: Chair Rochefort noted that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is once again invited to participate in the East Ferris Winter Carnival by running the February 16th breakfast. Chair Rochefort will forward additional details by email, and asks that members RSVP in order to create a schedule.



- a) **ParticipACTION:** The Committee discussed the application for ParticipACTION funding. Program Coordinator, Jenna Cowden advised that there would be additional events planned for June, should the Municipality be successful in their funding application.

Motion No. 2025-04

Moved by Donna St. Martin

Seconded by Michelle St. Onge

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends to Council that staff be directed to apply for ParticipACTION funding and that should the funding application be unsuccessful, that the Municipal budget supports ParticipACTION events in the amount of \$2,000.

CARRIED

- b) **Canada Day/St. Jean Baptiste Day:** The Committee expressed their interest in hosting a community event for Canada Day. This item will be brought forward to the next meeting.

Motion No. 2025-05

Moved by Wendy St. Denis

Seconded by Donna St. Martin

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends to Council that staff be directed to apply for Celebrate Canada funding and that a community event be planned for July 1st, 2025.

CARRIED

- c) **2025 Programming Update:** This item was discussed as part of items 11 a and b.
- d) **Sports Hall of Fame Update:** The Program Coordinator noted that there were no nominations received for the 2025 induction year. The program has now been streamlined to consolidate the Hall of Fame and the Recognition Awards, and will be promoted to call for 2026 induction nominations.

12. In Camera

None for this session.



13. Adjournment

Motion No. 2025-06

Moved by Wendy St. Denis

Seconded by Michelle St. Onge

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee meeting adjourn at 4:37 p.m. and meet again on April 15th 2025, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDING CLERK