Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 29, 2025

Attendance: Karla Lamb Lindsay Hall

Don SherwoodJinell JohnsonJessica ChurchillKevin BreauDeputy Mayor SalgadoTroy Summerville

Regrets: Gail MacKinnon

1. Call to order: Deputy Mayor Salgado called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

- 2. Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Karla Lamb seconded by Lindsay Hall to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion Carried.
- **3. Approval of the Previous Minutes:** Moved by Jinell Johnson seconded by Lindsay Hall to approve the minutes of the August 25th, 2025 meeting. **Motion Carried**.

4. Business Arising from the previous Minutes:

HMBA Funding Request – Jeremy gave Council update Youth Rate for Adult Fundraising Tournaments – Jeremy gave Council update Advertising Discount Rate – Jeremy gave Council Update Committee Resignation – Jeremy gave Council Update Rates 2025/2026 – Jeremy gave Council Update

5. New Business:

- GePeake Subdivision Presentation from Planning Department
 - Arthur McCarthy, Director of PLED attended via teams to give a presentation on the GePeake Subdivision. No questions from the committee. Motion by Jinell Johnson and seconded by Karla Lamb to recommend to Council to accept the recommendation from the PLED department - land for public purpose. MOTION CARRIED.
- Fireworks
 - Kevin gave background on fireworks cost and staffing, as well as weather issues. Discussion around pros and cons and alternate ideas for the budget allocated to fireworks including a drone show (with its own cons) and the potential for a bigger name concert, or larger community entertainment/activities. Brainstorming and returning to the discussion at the next meeting.

6. Reports:

A. Department Update: Office/Pool/Programs

Jessica Churchill – Pool is closed, Offices have moved from FH to SC, Programming ongoing and promotions will begin after Summit Centre announcement is made. Jeremy gave recap on municipal growth and context for Summit Centre. Tentative Grand Opening date discussed. Accessible doors at FH, water bottle filling station, Roller Skate rentals are here.

Arena/Parks/Trails/HRMF

Kevin Breau – Ice in the SC, commissioning of the plant ongoing, plan for occupancy on Friday and open to the public on Saturday. Ball fields winding down, flower beds removal, wharfs coming out mid October.

B. HHS Update:

Karla Lamb – Sports all starting up -Golf team for the first time, cross country, Boys Soccer, 2 Girls Soccer teams, hockey tryouts ongoing. Playing is cast – A 'Wicked' Christmas Carol.

Other: Updates from Committee Members Round Table:

Deputy Mayor Salgado – Summit Centre soccer field will be a year likely. Kevin is hoping it is ready for July.

Don – Cheer for the Bluejays – AL Champions!

Karla - None

Troy - None

Lindsay - None

Jinell – HMSA work on HHS soccer field ongoing, indoor soccer registration has started, HMBA teams picked and start practices next week.

Gail - N/A

- 7. Next Meeting: Monday, October 27, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Summit Centre
- 8. Adjournment: Motion by Jinell Johnson and seconded by Karla Lamb to adjourn at 6:55pm. MOTION CARRIED

Committee Chair Jeremy Salgado

Staff Representative Jessica Churchill