

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2025**

Attendance:	Karla Lamb	Lindsay Hall	Gail MacKinnon
	Don Sherwood	Jinell Johnson	Jessica Churchill
	Kevin Breau	Deputy Mayor Salgado	Troy Summerville

Regrets:

1. **Call to order: Deputy Mayor Salgado** called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 Lindsay Hall seconded by Jinell Johnson to approve the minutes of the September 29th, 2025 meeting. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Business Arising from the previous Minutes:**
 - GePeake Subdivision – Jeremy gave council update
 - Fireworks – Discussion around other options than fireworks, leave with Recreation Department to come up with an alternative big draw event. Possibly ‘Pretty in Pink’ or other group, Shania Twain cover, Big Fish, could be free or ticketed but low cost with the budget/grant to subsidize.
5. **New Business:**
 - Youth Council proposal from Recreation Coordinator– Discussed that PRAC is supposed to have a youth representative and we have not be able to fill it. See benefit to youth having a say but worried about the commitment and availability. Possibility of Recreation Coordinator finding a youth to join the PRAC. Jeremy indicated it would have to be a subcommittee of PRAC, and meet quarterly. Proposed it could meet as a ‘think tank’ or unofficial club that provides ideas that get submitted to PRAC through the Recreation Department, less formal and less red tape that way. **Motion by Gail MacKinnon and seconded by Troy Summerville to recommend to council to support the concept of a youth council and work out the details for an informal club to provide ideas to be reported to council through the PRAC. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - Age Friendly Committee – Jeremy discussed that AFC is going to disband as of December 2025 and PRAC will now pursue a Seniors Resource Centre representative to join the PRAC while we finish the current community designation term which has 2 years left.
 - Committee Vacancies/PAC representative – Jessica summarized the current vacancies on PRAC/PAC and Jeremy gave background on the PAC meetings and asked for members to consider it and let him know if there is interest.
 - Summit Centre Tour available after the meeting if desired.

6. Reports:

A. Department Update:

Office/Pool/Programs

Jessica Churchill – Grand Opening and facility open, programs starting at Summit Centre, Adult hockey program success, feedback received from open skate around seniors not wanting to skate with kids (committee noted being in favour of keeping the seniors/adult and tot skate combined as open skate), Jeremy added that behaviour has been an issue in the facility and security is being explored. Discussed that maybe HMHA president needs to be present to observe and address the issues. Committee discussed possibly bill HMHA for the additional staff requirements or have the user groups provide security for their own ice times.

Arena/Parks/Trails/HRMF

Kevin Breau – Remembrance Day banners are up, Christmas ornament prep is underway, and Summit Centre operations ongoing, Christmas lights going up next week. Committee commented that the Veterans crosswalk looks great.

B. HHS Update:

Karla Lamb – Drama underway with the play running Dec 4-6, tickets going on sale in the next week or two. Senior boys soccer going to provincials next weekend, girls soccer finished at regionals this past weekend, cross county wrapping up with success. Winter sports underway – junior varsity boys and girls and varsity boys and girls, girls and boys hockey teams.

Other: Updates from Committee Members

Round Table:

Deputy Mayor Salgado – Go Blue Jays!

Don – None

Karla – None

Troy – First Bulldogs game was a success – ice was good and building was warm.

Lindsay – None

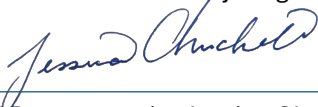
Jinell – Soccer fields are looking nice with the rain. Volunteer Appreciation date? Tentative date relayed.

Gail – Banners and crosswalks are lovely.

7. Next Meeting: Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6 pm at the Summit Centre (Last meeting until January so Year End Report).

8. Adjournment: Motion by Jinell Johnson and seconded by Karla Lamb to adjourn at 6:19pm. MOTION CARRIED

Committee Chair Jeremy Salgado



Staff Representative Jessica Churchill