



**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee  
Summit Centre Boardroom  
February 23, 2026 @6pm  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Jeremy Salgado, Karla Lamb, Don Sherwood, Gail MacKinnon, Rebecca Bonnell

**Regrets:** Troy Summerville, Lindsay Hall, Jinell Johnson

**Staff:** Kevin Breau, Jessica Churchill

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Salgado at 6:02 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Gail MacKinnon and seconded by Karla Lamb to approve the agenda of the February 2026 meeting as presented.

**Motion**

**Carried**

**3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None Declared.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Gail MacKinnon and seconded by Don Sherwood to accept the minutes of the November 2025 meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes:**

5.1. Youth Council – Jeremy gave update that Mayor and Deputy mayor met with MLA Regional Youth Council, that Bradford Rogers, previous Rec Coordinator was spearheading this idea and has now left so the initiative is under review by staff. Note that once procedural bylaw update completed to remove the spot reserved for a student, we will have 1 vacancy on this committee but could still pursue a student representative to fill that vacancy.



- 5.2. Committee Terms – Jessica had emailed in December to let all members know their renewal on the committee was approved by council.
- 5.3. Committee Application – Jeremy welcomed Rebecca Bonnell whose application was approved by council.

## **6. New Business:**

- 6.1. Fireworks – Jeremy gave review on challenges to fireworks in the past for Canada Day. Committee discussion on the challenges (environmental/noise/pets etc.) with Kevin giving context for cost, licensing, and staff implications.

**Moved by Gail Mackinnon and seconded by Don Sherwood to recommend to council to not proceed with fireworks for the Canada Day celebration 2026 and for staff to proceed with alternative activities.**

**Motion carried**

- 6.2. Mayor's Monarch Pledge 2026 – Kevin gave review of the annual initiative that has historically been supported by council. Certain areas in town that the town does not mow during specific time periods in consultation with Kate Turner, area resident and advocate.
- 6.3. Hockey Banners – Jeremy gave overview on current achievement display policy. Kevin gave update that facilities department is looking into a way to hang banners that are outside of the policy in the players corridor that would be available to be hung for 1 year. Kevin is hoping to have them up before the Day of Champions that HMHA is hosting March 13-15. Committee supports the idea.

## **7. Reports:**

- 7.1. Recreation – Jessica gave update that Recreation Administrative Assistant position was posted and hired, Recreation Coordinator position is now vacant and the job posting is open. Field House renovations upcoming and grants being applied for, pool hiring getting started. Canada Ball Hockey BCD application was not successful by Envision Saint John, Pool planning and Field House programs/staffing is gearing up for spring and summer.



maintenance requirements as well as trans Canada trails grant. Soccer field, netting/goal posts, and bleachers are being worked on for the Summer. Age Friendly bench was broken in the trails so new one was ordered, 11 students are expected and starting in June. Goal to start building trails at the Summit Centre from William Bell around the facility. Speed skating meet and Battle of the Badges events at the Summit Centre on Feb 21 were well attended and went well – Bob raised \$19,450.00 for Hampton PRO Kids and Help the Cops Help the Kids.

7.3. Hampton High School – Karla gave update that spring musical is “Ride the Cyclone” running March 26-28 with 3 evening shows. Basketball - JV Girls, Sr girls, Sr boys all qualified for regionals, Sr boys hosted and made it to provincials and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Boys hockey team won the Sea Dogs tournament, Boys hockey lost in the first round of playoffs so are now done, Girls hockey got a bye in the first round of playoffs and awaits second round, Volleyball and Rugby tryouts are starting.

#### **8. Outstanding Issues:**

8.1. Round Table – Don gave feedback that he received a comment from a friend that canteen coffee price was high and staff were not friendly. Karla made comment that she has noticed, and others she knows have commented, that teams (particularly away teams) that come to Summit Centre have been warming up on the walking track and causing obstacles for walkers – Kevin took note and will follow up with staff as this is not permitted. Rebecca attended February Learning Lab (Frugalicious) and thought it was really good and well attended (~20 people). Jess gave update that Learning Labs and TIFF program has started.

#### **9. Next Meeting**


9.1. The next Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled for **March 30, 2026 @ 6pm**

#### **10. Adjournment**

**Moved by \_Karla Lamb\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_Gail Mackinnon\_\_\_ that the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 pm.**



Approved:

X  \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Jeremy Salgado

X  \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Representative Jessica Churchill