

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee meeting convened at the CN Station -Council Chambers at 6:00 pm on the above date. Chairperson Melinda MacKenzie presided.

Present: Councillors Robert Fry and Terry Dunbrack; Members David Porter, Ivana Turcaniova and Mark Reilly

Also Present: Sally O’Neill, Manager of Recreation Services
Jo-Anne McNamara, Minute Recorder

Regrets: Reese Hawkins

1. Welcome

2. Approval/Additions of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented
Moved, seconded and carried

PRP-10-27-25-001

3. Approval/Review of Minutes

Motion: To approve the Recreation and Parks Meeting minutes of September 24, 2025.
Moved, seconded and carried

PRP-10-27-25-002

4. Correspondence/Information Sharing

Town Council approved the appointment of Mark Reilly to the Recreation and Parks Committee. Sally thanked everyone who helped at the HarvFEST this weekend.

5. Business Arising

a. Updates

Trails

- McCulloch Education/PA trail is complete
- Boulders will be installed at entrance of trail to stop vehicles/ATV’s from entering

Work at Broidy Park

- Splash Pad – foundation is completed, pad will be poured this fall

Community Building

- Completed this fall with power and heat; kitchen will be installed in the spring
- Suggestion made that we check to see if a plug can be installed for a portable generator.

Ballfield Community Meeting

- Sally and Terry working on community engagement around the ballfield construction

HarvFEST Recap

The event was a huge success with well over 1000 people in attendance. There were two active sites: the Vendor Village and Water Street. Schools and businesses submitted carved

pumpkins for a contest. Lots of social media engagement before and after the event. Shout out to Dave and the Pictou Academy Grads of 2026 on the Haunted House on Church St; they raised approximately \$800.

Recreation Survey

Low participation to date; Sally will investigate channels to promote the survey

b. Christmas in Pictou Planning

- Christmas Light Up – Friday, November 28
- McCulloch Education and Saltsprings Choir confirmed
- Eastern Star Lodge – will provide hot chocolate and their washroom facilities
- Christmas Light Tour – Saturday, December 20 – pick up and drop off will be at the Vendors Village (Melinda will plan for anyone needing a drive to the Vendors Village)
- 2025 Theme “Magic of the SEAsons”
- Next planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4
- Arrangements will be made with the North Pole to accept Dear Santa letters at the Town Office due to a possible postal strike
- Michelle Young will contact the Business Committee to discuss a scavenger hunt

c. Winter Carnival Planning

Tabled

d. Recreation Committee: Future Planning

What is our vision for Recreation in Pictou for the next 5 years?

Sharing our thoughts/ideas/visions

- Question: What are our best assets for recreation in Pictou (Asset inventory)
- Sally put up some flip chart sheets up on the wall for Committee Members to write down what they feel are our assets in the Town.
- Access & Inclusion, Spaces & Place, Sustainability & Partnerships, Programs & Activities and Big Ideas

6. New Business

a. Strategic Planning Community Engagement

7. Parking Lot for Future Updates

8. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: CN Station

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Approved

Melinda MacKenzie – Chair

Sally O’Neill-Rec Manager