

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. Chair Mark Reilly presided.

Present: Councillors Robert Fry and Terry Dunbrack; Members Devon O'Brien

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

Regrets: David Porter and Ivana Turcaniova

1. Welcome

2. Approval/Additions of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented
Moved, Seconded and Carried

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3. Approval/Review of Minutes

The Chair accepted the circulated Recreation and Parks minutes of February 4, 2026.

4. Correspondence/Information Sharing

a. Welcome New Member – Devon O'Brien

Devon was welcomed as a member of the Committee.

b. Welcome New Chair – Mark Reilly

Mark was welcomed as the new Chair for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

5. Business Arising

a. Volunteer of the Year Reception Debrief

A brief summary was provided on the success of the Volunteer Reception. The award recipients were thrilled with their awards and serving food prior to the start of the event proved successful. Suggestions for next year included a better microphone, which Sandy will bring, angling the screen for better visibility and placing both speakers on the ground.

b. Ballfield

There will be no movement on the new ballfield this year.

c. Recreation General Update

Go Clean Get Green

There was a great turnout, and a total of seventy-five bags of garbage were collected prior to and on the day of the event. Sally will make a post noting that garbage can still be picked up until May 4 and added to the final total.

Community Building/Splash Pad

The community building is expected to be completed in the near future, and the splash pad should be ready sometime in June.

Ballfield

Twenty-six people responded that they are interested in the ball program. Sally will post again about the program to see if anyone is interested in helping and to encourage more participants. She will arrange a meeting for May 16 or earlier.

d. Recreation Committee Future planning

Tabled for future date

6. New Business

e. Fitness Trail Project

A grant for \$20,000 was received to do an accessible path restoration and directional signs project.

f. Spring/Summer Programs

Funding was received for a Tennis instructor and the tennis court will be up and running in a couple of weeks.

Question was asked about the old tennis courts up by the arena – they are the property of the Agricultural Society.

Question asked about having the Town Wide Yard Sale – Sally will contact Melinda.

Summer Staff – the deadline for applications for summers students was April 23 for a park labourer, park maintenance and tennis instructor.

Discussion was held regarding a Youth Centre and the possibility of opening the Community Centre a couple of nights per week for teens. Sally will visit the school or prepare a survey to find out what activities and programs teens would be interested in.

There will be a Foraging Meeting on Tuesday, May 5 with Mark, Emily, Sally and Amy Ferguson (Scotsburn Food Forest).

Canada Day – planning bouncy castles, games, scavenger hunt, music and cake.

Question – when will washrooms be open at Brown’s Point and the Marina?

7. Parking Lot for Future Updates

8. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: CN Station

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Approved

Mark Reilly
Chair

Sally O’Neill
Recreation Manager