



Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
February 2, 2026, at 5:30pm, at 136 Yonge St., Young at Heart Senior Centre

Present: Chair Councillor Ashley Brandt, Debbie Hope, Matthew Orr, Brady Peever, Krista Trulsen,
Recording Secretary

Regrets: Diane Landstrom, Councillor Ryan Baptiste

Guests: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Chair Councillor A. Brandt
2. **Disclosure of Interest:** None

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2026-01 Moved by K. Trulsen – Seconded by B. Peever
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Village of Burk's Falls Recreation Advisory Committee
approves the minutes of November 24, 2026. Carried.

3. Old Business:

a) Tree Lighting/ Santa Skate- Follow Up

The Committee discussed the overall success of the Tree Lighting and Santa Skate event. Members expressed that the event was well received and that feedback was very positive. It was noted that the event coincided with the Town of Huntsville's Tree Lighting, which may have impacted attendance; however, the event was still considered a success. The Committee discussed the potential of partnering with the Santa Claus Parade Committee in the future and agreed to proceed with this partnership should the opportunity arise.

b) Business Decorating Contest – Follow Up

The Committee discussed the success of the Business Decorating Contest and noted the positive feedback received from the community. Members commented on the many compliments regarding the appearance of the downtown throughout the Christmas season. The Committee also shared ideas and suggestions for potential enhancements to the contest for next year.

4. New Business:

a) Downtown Celebration- Planning- Vendor Fees

The Committee discussed the annual Downtown Celebration, held on the Saturday of the May long weekend. Members noted that as the event continues to build its reputation and grow, the current vendor fee presents challenges when booking vendors, particularly when comparable events offer free participation. The Committee is recommending to Council that the vendor fee be set at \$25, as permitted under the Hawkers & Peddlers By-Law 30-2024, Section 4.1(d).

Moved by K. Trulsen – Seconded by B. Peever. Carried.

The Committee also discussed the success of the popcorn at last year's event and is recommending to Council the use of the popcorn machine and cotton candy machine from the Theatre for the Downtown Celebration.

Moved by K. Trulsen – Seconded by D. Hope. Carried.

The Committee will continue planning through email.

b) Ball Hockey- Coaching

The Recording Secretary requested confirmation regarding the two coaches for the Ball Hockey program and was advised that both coaches have been confirmed. Two Committee members also offered their support should additional assistance be required or if circumstances change.

c) Recreation Closet- Arena

The Recording Secretary advised the Committee that a storage closet has been set aside for Committee use at the arena. The Committee discussed potential dates to clean out and organize the space.

5. Recommendations to Council:

2026-02 Moved by B. Peever – Seconded by K. Trulsen

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Burk's Falls Recreation Advisory Committee recommends the following to Council:

- approve the Downtown Celebration vendor fee being set at \$25, as permitted under the Hawkers & Peddlers By-Law 30-2024, Section 4.1(d).
- approve the use of the popcorn machine and cotton candy machine from the Theatre for the Downtown Celebration event.

6. Attachments: None

7. Date of Next Meeting: April 13, 2026, at 5:00pm

8. Meeting Adjourned: 7:25pm

Moved by M. Orr – Seconded by K. Trulsen. Carried.

Chair Signature