



The Corporation of the Township of Billings
Parks and Recreation Agenda
February 24, 2025 07:00 PM
Virtual

Council

David Hillyard, Deputy Mayor

Catherine Joyce

Jenna Carter

Meg Middleton

Shannon Smith

Staff

Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Confirm approval of the agenda

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Adoption of Minutes

5. Delegation

6. Old Business - Priority Checklist

7. New Business

8. Information

8.1. Committee Resignation: Andrew Preyde

8.2. Next Meeting Date

9. Notice of Motions

10. Adjournment



The Corporation of the Township of Billings

Parks and Recreation Minutes

January 27, 2025 07:00 PM

Virtual

Council

David Hillyard, Deputy Mayor

Andrew Preyde

Jenna Carter

Meg Middleton

Shannon Smith

Staff

Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor David Hillyard to call the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Andrew Preyde

Seconded By Jenna Carter

To accept the January 27, 2025 Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Meg Middleton

Seconded By Andrew Preyde

To accept the November 25, 2024 Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Minutes as presented.

Carried

5. Delegation

None.

6. Old Business - Priority Checklist

The priority checklist is a tool to be used to track all of the past, current and upcoming events/priorities of the committee allowing tracking and organization for each item. Let's work through the checklist and discuss.

Family Day Skate and Slide Event

Event Date: Feb 17, 2025

Event Time: 11am - 3pm

Community Sign: Andrew

Flyer: Staff to share on website and Facebook.

Staff to reach out to Public Works for sliding hill.

The Volunteer Fire Department is on board and will provide a bonfire, hot dogs, maple taffy and community education. They are requesting donations of fire wood, maple syrup and would like to be reimbursed for hot dogs, buns, condiments and propane. Set-up time for the VFF is 10am.

Upstairs: Meg to reach out to Candice for family dance and BVV for pizza. Ian Anderson or Manitoulin Streams (Dave) or Snowdusters (Dave), Jenna to provide craft upstairs.

Andrew to reach out to Brad MacKay for firewood and Lloyd Elliot for syrup and reach out to St. John's Church re: interest in bake sale in the lower level. Andrew to talk to Jim Chambers.

Andrew and Meg to bring bluetooth speaker for outdoors.

Indoor Volunteers: Jenna (craft), Meg and Cathy (hot chocolate)

Outdoor Volunteers: Andrew (rink), Dave (parking)

7. New Business

None.

8. Information & Correspondence

8.1. Request to Waive Rental Fee - Cambrian College

An email was received on January 2, 2025 from Cambrian College requesting the Park Centre (lower) rental rate (\$150 + HST) be waived in order to host and facilitate a one-day community cooking course to be delivered to interested community members in the Township of Billings.

Should the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee choose to recommend this initiative, a motion should be passed and will be brought forward to Council.

Moved By Andrew Preyde

Seconded By Shannon Smith

THAT the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee supports Cambrian College hosting a cooking class at the Park Centre, lower level, without a reduced rental rate.

Carried

8.2. Community Dance Proposal - Ardiss Fenske

An email was received on January 19, 2025 from Ardiss Fenske and Alex Castonguay with a proposal for renting the Park Centre (upper) during the winter months to host community dances.

Moved By Meg Middleton

Seconded By Jenna Carter

THAT the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee receives the community dance proposal but chooses to not partner with this initiative.

Carried

9. Notice of Motions

None.

10. Adjournment

Moved By Andrew Preyde

Seconded By Shannon Smith

THAT the Township of Billings Parks, Recreation and Wellness January 27, 2025 Committee Meeting adjourns at 7:52 p.m.

Carried

Deputy Mayor – David Hillyard

Deputy Clerk – Tiana Mills

Description		Comments	Status IP = In Progress OG = On going CO= Complete OH= On hold DE = Deferred
1.	2025 Family Day Event	Event Date: February 17 th , 2025 Approved Budgeted Amount: Funds Used for Event: Funds Remaining:	CO – Event Planning (2024 notes for reference) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance: ~250 people Indoors - Park Centre: Manitoulin Streams, Manitoulin Robotics, Geerdink Farm, Family Dance with Candice Irwin, Children’s Craft Table & Snacks Outdoors – Outdoor Rink: Skating and Sliding, Manitoulin Snowdusters, Fire Department, BBQ, Maple Taffy, Fire Food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza: 15 Hot Dogs: 135 1 large pot of chili and 1 large pot of soup Desserts: cookies and brownies <p><u>Recommendations for 2026:</u></p>
2.	2025 Easter Egg Event	Event Date: Approved Budgeted Amount: \$ Funds Used: Funds Remaining:	<p><u>Recommendations for 2025:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss possibility of plastic eggs with chocolate eggs inside for the youngest age group Discussion on more baskets with smaller prizes Discussion on different ideas for the golden ticket
3.	2025 Halloween Event	Event Date: October 31st, 2025 Approved Budgeted Amount: \$ Funds Used: Funds Remaining:	<p><u>Recommendations for 2025:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More signage advertising the event at the Park Centre
4.	2025 Santa Event	Event Date: Approved Budgeted Amount: \$ Funds Used: Funds Remaining:	<p><u>Recommendations for 2025:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change event timing of event to 10am – 12pm or 1pm
5.	Outdoor Rink (Fundraising/Advertising)	The committee collects donations and sells advertising (rink boards) for ongoing maintenance at the Kagawong Outdoor Rink	CO – 2025 Ad Renewal Invoices mailed in January IP – Seek new ads and remove those who do not wish to renew

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6.	Kagawong Car Show (Show and Shine)	Event Date: Approved Budgeted Amount: \$ Funds Used: Funds Remaining:	<u>Recommendations for 2025:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request funds in budget to purchase a porta-potty for the event, refreshments and a pop-up sun shade tent Shorten event time. Prizes for “Best in Show” etc.
7.	Cedar Maze		<p>CO – Community Consultation via Community Chalkboard to be posted ASAP and comments received will be brought forward to the PRW Committee for review.</p> <p>CO – Recommendation to be made to Council to renovate and rejuvenate the Cedar Maze for the 2024 Budget CO – 2024 Budget Deliberations (\$10,000 approved)</p> <p>IP – More funds requested in 2025 Budget Deliberations; 2024 funds allocated were not sufficient to complete the project, pending approval</p>
8.	Graham Hill Property	The committee discussed developing the Graham Hill Property (year-round trail systems, fruit trees)	<p>IP/OH- Manitoulin Streams has applied for funding to be utilized in Billings; one of the identified areas is the Graham Hill Property, where they would use funds to plant trees</p> <p>IP/OH – Public Information Session, community input on the future of this property. Members of the committee are encouraged to attend.</p>
9.	Pickleball Partnership		<p>OH – advertise playing times</p> <p>OH – advertise time slots, membership rates, coded lock on storage building (2025 budget request)</p> <p>OH – Staff directed to develop an Equipment Usage Policy</p> <p>IP – Funds requested for keypad lock on equipment storage shed, 2025 budget deliberations. If this is approved staff will develop an equipment usage policy, advertising and usage rates (if required)</p>
10.	Seasonal Banners	<p>11 brackets will be available on wood hydro poles in downtown Kagawong as purchased by the Billings Museum Committee</p> <p>Approved Budgeted Amount: \$ Funds Used: Funds Remaining:</p>	OH – Included in 2025 Budget Deliberations, pending approval

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17th February 2025

REC Committee

Township of Billings
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Subject: Resignation from REC Committee

Dear David Hillyard,

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my resignation from the Parks, Recreation and Wellness committee, effective February 17th, 2025.

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to contribute to the committee's work over the past years, and I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together. However, due to my travelling and lack of time to commit to my volunteer's work, I must now step down from my position.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Preyde', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Preyde