

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
The Corporation of Norfolk County

January 29, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Norfolk County Administration Building
50 Colborne St. S., Simcoe ON
Meeting Room A - Upstairs

Members Present: Kris Demeester, Jean Montgomery, Ryan Gaertner, R. Kichler,
T. Rigglesford

Members Absent Councillor L. Vandendriessche

Also Present: N. Slote, Director of Recreation, B. Andress, Project Lead,
M. Bouw, Supervisor, Parks Operations, B. Geerts, Director of
Parks, Recreation and Culture, C. Saunders, Committee
Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair Kris Deemster called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 1

Moved By: Jean Montgomery

Seconded By: Ryan Gaertner

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Resolution No. 2

Moved By: R. Kichler

Seconded By: Ryan Gaertner

That the minutes of the November 27, 2025, meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

5. Deputations

6. Presentations

7. Matters to be Considered

Tina Rigglesford entered the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

7.1 Ice Allocation Policy - Verbal Update

Brenda Andress, Strategic Lead, updated the committee on the changes being recommended after meeting with all ice user groups. These changes include changing Local League weekly hours and reducing the ratio of skaters on ice at a time for figure skating groups. The updated policy will be distributed back to minor hockey and skating groups, before it goes to council in February. Residency rules are a concern for committee members.

Brenda responded to questions from the committee.

Brian Geerts, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture responded to questions

Nikki Slote, Director of Recreation, responded to questions

Resolution No. 3

Moved By: Ryan Gaertner

Seconded By: T. Rigglesford

That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend that council consider the residency rate be lowered to 75%

Carried.

Resolution No. 4

Moved By: T. Rigglesford

Seconded By: Ryan Gaertner

That the verbal update be received as information.

Carried.

7.2 Twin Pad + Pool Business Case Development - Verbal Update

Brenda Andress, Strategic Lead, provided the committee with an update to the business case for the Twin Pad and Pool. This business case follows the master recreation plan and recommendations from Council. Staff anticipate the first draft will be presented to Council in April. The business case does address all council requests and concerns. Brenda responded to questions from the committee.

The Committee requested to see the plan for the March meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Resolution No. 5

Moved By: R. Kichler

Seconded By: Jean Montgomery

That the update be received as information

Carried.

7.3 Policy Review Feedback

Brian Geerts, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, shared with the committee two policies that will be tied to the business case. Sponsorship Policy and The Commemorative Naming Policy. Both policies should be updated. Staff will be reviewing these policies and Brian highlighted several changes. Staff are requesting feedback from the committee.

8. Other Business

No other business

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is March 26, 2026

10. Adjournment

Resolution No. 16

Seconded By: Ryan Gaertner

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Carried.