



Date: October 16, 2024
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Rhyno, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Chairperson
RE: Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting October 8, 2024, in Council Chambers. The following motion is coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. [2025 VOLUNTEER AWARD LOCATION & DATE](#)

Staff presented a report recommending that the 2025 East Hants Volunteer Awards and Volunteer Firefighter Long Service Awards ceremony be held on Friday, May 2, 2025 at the Noel & District Volunteer Fire Department.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council that ***Council approve to host the East Hants Volunteer Awards and Firefighter Long Service Awards ceremony on May 2, 2025 at the Noel & District Volunteer Fire Department.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. [DISTRICT RECREATION FUNDS & BEAUTIFICATION GRANT ALLOCATION](#)

Following the election there will be the same number of districts, but the boundaries will change. Council approve is needed to distribute the remaining DRF and Beautification funds from the old districts to the new districts based on the difference in residential assessment amounts.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends ***that Council approve the balance at October 30, 2024 in the District Recreation Fund and Beautification Fund reserves for each existing district and it be allocated to the new district structure on the basis of residential assessment.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. [WYATT SANFORD - KEYS TO THE MUNICIPALITY](#)

Council previously expressed interest in recognizing Olympic Medalist, Wyatt Sanford, by presenting a Key to the Municipality and staff provided options for consideration.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council that ***Council approve that Wyatt Sanford of Kennetcook be awarded a Key to the Municipality in recognition of his accomplishment as a Bronze Medalist in boxing at the 2024 Paris Olympics at a time and place to be announced; and that up to \$750 from the General Government cost centre be approved to cover the cost.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that ***Council direct staff create a permanent casting or design for the Key to the Municipality, to be funded or approved at the CAO's discretion.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. [SPORTSPLEX UPDATE FALL 2024](#)

On May 15, 2024, the Municipality assumed daily operations of the East Hants Sportsplex and Staff presented an update on the work that has been completed at the facility since transitioning operations and capital repairs and potential future projects.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council that *Council keep 2024/2025 Sportsplex rates in place for the remainder of the current fiscal year and to direct staff to conduct a review on rental fees for indoor turf and arena rentals to recommend rates as part of 2025/2026 budget discussions.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

5. [EAST HANTS CURLING ASSOCIATION - GENERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT](#)

Following an in-camera discussion as a result of a request from the East Hants Curling Association, the following recommendation was made.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council that *Council approve a General Government Grant to the East Hants Curling Association up to \$3000 for programming for the 2024/2025 season.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.