



**Date:** June 25, 2025  
**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 on June 17, 2025, and the following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

### 1. BELNAN PARK PLAYGROUND

Council made a motion C25(55) requesting staff to bring back a report regarding options for a replacement playground on PID 45332715, open space lands that were recently transferred into Municipal ownership from the Province. A number of years ago, the group operated a sports court and a playground at the corner of Belnan Avenue and Withrow Drive. The playground consisted of swings, spring feature components and a residential-grade wood play structure with a slide - in late 2024 Municipal staff removed the swings and playground equipment as they did not meet minimum CSA guidelines and were in extremely poor condition.

Staff provided the requested report with options and the following recommendation resulted.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommends to Council *that Council approve Option 1 to plan to add a new playground project as part of 2026/2027 budget discussions and if approved, construct in the summer of 2026 with funding options to be determined.*

*As Chair of the Committee, I so move.*

### 2. DISTRICT RECREATION FUND, 2ND INTAKE

The District Recreation Funding Program offers annual funding opportunities to groups that provide benefit to the residents of East Hants and offer the development of programs, activities and infrastructure that encourage active and healthy lifestyles. The second DRF intake closed on April 30, 2025 and 3 grant applications were received. All 3 applications meet the policy criteria and have been included in this report.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend to Council *that Council approve District Recreation Funding 2025-2026 (Intake 2):*

Applicant	Funding Amount
Noel Road Willing Workers Community Club	
District 5	\$5,761
District 11	\$5,761
Total:	\$11,522

*As Chair of the Committee, I so move.*

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee also recommends to Council *that Council approve District Recreation Funding 2025-2026 (Intake 2):*

Applicant	Funding Amount
EH Horne School Preservation Society	
District 1	\$3,156
District 2	\$2,000
District 3	\$1,000
District 4	\$1,000
District 6	\$1,000
District 7	\$3,156
District 10	\$12,682
Total:	\$ 23,994

*As Chair of the Committee, I so move.*

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee also recommends to Council *that Council approve District Recreation Funding 2025-2026 (Intake 2):*

Applicant	Funding Amount
Stanley Sport Aviation Association	
District 11	\$10,000
Total:	\$10,000

*As Chair of the Committee, I so move.*

**3. EAST HANTS MULTI-USE TRAIL ASSOCIATION REQUEST - TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

In December 2024, staff brought forward potential forms of agreements and land management program options specific to the former Dominion Atlantic Railway line (DAR). Council gave direction to engage in discussions with the East Hants Multi-Use Trail Association (EHMUTA) to entertain a longer-term agreement following completion of the survey. The EHMUTA has the opportunity to collaborate with the Driftclimbers Snowmobile Club to reallocate funds from a previous Driftclimbers project to do repair and maintenance work on the DAR.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend to Council *that Council give the CAO direction to enter into discussions with the East Hants Multi-Use Trail Association, in collaboration with the Driftclimbers Snowmobile Club, to establish a 6-month temporary maintenance agreement to conduct maintenance work on an approximately 9km section of the former DAR line from Kennetcook to Trenholm Road, PIDs 45225190 and 45225182.*

*As Chair of the Committee, I so move.*

This concludes the report.