



## **Corporation of the Township of Chisholm**

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Gail Degagne, Mayor  
Lesley Marshall, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE – AGENDA**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**In Person**

#### **CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND**

*"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honor these teachings."*

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes, dated January 8, 2025.
4. Business arising from last meeting:
  - (a) Monthly Newsletter Printing/mailout dates - See Memo from Jenny, dated January 16, 2025
  - (b) Tree Estimate (Jubilee Park) – Estimate attached from Eagle Tree.
  - (c) Family Fishing Day – ice fishing/hotdogs etc. (cancelled)
5. Open Forum.
6. New Business:
  - (a) Family & Friends Skating, BBQ, Campfire
  - (b) Monthly Events (schedule attached)
  - (c) Scavenger Easter Egg Hunt
7. Adjournment.



## **MINUTES**

### **Recreation Committee Meeting @ Council Chambers January 8, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Chairperson, Gail Degagne, Bernadette Kerr, Ian Vanblyderveen, Suad Radwan  
Regrets: n/a  
Absent: n/a  
Staff: Monique McIsaac (recording secretary)  
Guests: Marcel Suave

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Gail Degagne @ 7:07 p.m.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

##### **Resolution 2025-01 (REC)**

Bernadette Kerr and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Recreation meeting, dated January 8, 2025 be accepted as written and distributed.

**"Carried"**

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **Resolution 2025-02(REC)**

Suad Radwan and Ian Vanblyderveen: Be it resolved the Minutes of the Recreation meeting of November 6, 2024 be accepted as written and distributed.

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- (a) Community Map: Monique spoke with Jenny and advised Rec. that as of January Jenny had not received any additional drafts from Mike (last email received was in August), and not much can be done with the map / signage until the actual sign is made.

Ian was advised by Kendra Dehaan she had previously submitted the drawings for the signage to Rec., but the committee does not remember receiving them, therefore Ian will follow up with Kendra.

Bernie confirmed that most of the costs for the map will be covered by the Community Policing Committee monies.

- (b) Engagement Portal: Monique advised there has not been much activity (3 people) on the portal. The postal strike may have caused delays without the December Newsletter going out. Push more advertising for it in the monthly Newsletter, Facebook, and repeat on both.

Portal Contest: Check to see if there is any way to "embed something" in the Portal that would encourage people to login and look for it, and use the portal.

Post on the Township FB page some of the questions that are on the engagement portal with the link, to encourage people to visit the portal.

- (c) Annual Christmas Tree Lighting:

Christmas Tree: Ian has spoken to Shawn and he is ok with Ian digging a hole (with a cover) for next year's tree lighting, for the Christmas Tree to be mounted/stood in, so long as it is below the grass line with a mounted cover to be used

Possible bonfire for 2025 tree lighting using a covered fire pit/box (Ian has demo box).

Monique to obtain estimates for tree at Jubilee Park, and there was discussion about holding possible fundraisers to cover the costs of the tree.

Monique to contact Hydro to get estimate for possible hydro installed at Jubilee Park.

- (d) February Event - Seniors Valentines' cards. Monique emailed Eastholme asking if it would be ok if Rec. Comm brought cards for the residents, and will follow up with them. Bernie will talk to them in person as well Jan 18<sup>th</sup>/25 when she's there. Parents required to stay.

**Event:** FREE DROP IN!  
Card Making Day for Valentines Day Cards for the  
local senior residents.  
**Date:** Friday January 31, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers

Monthly Newsletters: Monique to talk to Jenny and Jessica and get their feedback about mailing out the monthly Newsletters after the Rec. meetings so that if there any events that Rec. would like to host, it can be advertised in the Newsletter, and not missed.

- (e) Family Fishing Day - Monday, February 17, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Free Event to be advertised. Public can drop by the Chisholm Beach Pavilion for free hot chocolate and hot dogs and show off your fish! Pictures to be taken and posted on social media.

Event to be advertised in the monthly Newsletter, Facebook page, website, and Ian will email 90.5 Events to have it advertised (FREE).

Prizes Discussed: Randomly wrapped items from bucket. Donations - Ian will look into getting donations, and Bernie will ask Gerry Giesler for donations as well.

BBQing: Ian will ask volunteer(s) from the Fire Dept.

Fire Department – Rescue truck there for display?

Following Items needed to be purchased and/or donated:

Hot Chocolate	-	Need to be purchased/donated.
Condiments	-	Need to be purchased/donated.
Cups	-	Leftovers from Christmas – do not need to be purchased.
Napkins	-	Municipal Office has these in stock.
BBQ & Propane	-	Monique follow up with roads dept. to see if more needed.

Bernie will contact Oshell's about food donations.

5. **OPEN FORUM:**

Budget: Budget was discussed and it was decided to leave it as is (\$800.00). Rec. will continue to reduce costs, and will ask for more donations. Money will be saved by not sending out flyers for the events, but will continue to be advertised in the monthly Newsletters, Facebook, website, and posters.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- (a) Town Hall Meeting (Dec. 5/2024). Low attendance, 2 guests (Paul & Denny Sharp). The next one will be held in the Spring, after the March Break, and/or an additional one in the summer.

Denny suggested a "Learn to Paddle Beach Event". Costs were not known at the time of the meeting. If the Rec. Committee does not do this, then Denny will pursue it, then it would not be a Rec. or township event.

Ideas for Rec Committee: Have jars ready for next event (Fishing Day Weekend), so people can write down idea/suggestions they would like to see done by the Rec. Committee.

- (b) Outdoor Rink Resolution to Council:

"Be it resolved that the Recreation Committee recommends to council to allow the Recreation Committee to prepare and operate an out-door ice rink, with the help of volunteers from the Chisholm Fire Department, to be located at the old school location on Bell Cairn Rd. for the 2024-2025 winter season".

Rec. Comm would like to know if the Fire Dept. can use the old drilled well at the school to pump water for the rink? It would be resealed, and bolted closed. Start with the CAO for input.

The location of the old septic would need to be located as well, before any large trucks are driving on the property near the well. Wayne Crossfield and/or Lori Anderson might know where the septic is (residents of Chisholm).

- (c) Ontario Trillium Foundation (Capital Grant): Monique instructed to start the application process (tennis courts and any necessary repairs), and if the Township is responsible for - then needs to go to council (deadline: March 5, 2025).

Resolution to council requesting support in pursuing the OTF Grant.

- (d) Memo from Jenny re: Insurance Option – Outdoor Rink & Possible Event on the lake.

Memo from Jenny was reviewed with the recommendations from the insurance company, which Rec. Committee will make sure are posted at the rink.

The Rec. Committee will not be hosting any events directly on the lake.

**Resolution 2025-04(REC)**

Bernadette Kerr and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Recreation Committee now be adjourned and that the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

**'Carried'**

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Chairperson

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Recording Clerk

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## Memorandum

**To:** Recreation Committee  
**CC:**  
**From:** Jenny Leblond  
**Date:** January 16, 2025  
**Re:** Monthly Newsletters

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I would confirm that Monique talked to me about the Rec. Comm. wanting to possibly have the monthly newsletter printed and mailed out after Rec's monthly meetings, so that if there any events that rec. would like to host, can be advertised in the Newsletter, and not missed.

My concern with this is that it may not meet our deadlines for advertising for by-laws and other meetings at the beginning of the month. For example, for some bylaws they need to be advertised in a newsletter 14 days prior to the meeting. Depending on how the meetings fall if the newsletter goes out later then we are not meeting our requirement for notice to approve by-laws in the second meeting of the month.

The township has notice requirements for Council meetings, if the newsletter starts going out too late then we are not meeting our requirement for the first meeting of the month.

It is my recommendation that Recreation Committee change their meeting date and that the goal remains to have the newsletter go out at the beginning of the month.

Kec.  
Tree

## Monique Mclsaac

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**From:** H Falk <eagletree1973@yahoo.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2025 12:53 PM  
**To:** Monique Mclsaac  
**Subject:** Re: Estimate

Hello Monique,

Thank You for your inquiry and we support your interest and objective. Years ago the Callander Municipality had a similar project. A 6ft Blue Spruce was planted which is now 20ft tall and decorated with lights each Holiday season. It's in Centennial Park on Main St North, and I believe this years lights are still on - go at dusk to check it out. We also planted one at Eastholme Home for the Aged in Powassan about 5yrs ago, at the front entrance. (I have not been by recently to see this one).

My recommendation would be a Colorado Blue Spruce variety (Baby Blue, Koster, or Fat Albert) rather than a regular White Spruce. The blue spruce is more showy (bluish-green needles), has better form and shape, has sturdier branches for snow load and lights), is denser in branch growth than the White Spruce. It is slightly higher in initial cost but the planting costs are the same and would give better value (the previous advantages mentioned) for its life span of 40-60 yrs.

The cost for the purchase (9-10ft tall tree), shipping, and planting by our staff with our equipment, and 1yr warranty would be app \$2500 -3000 + HST

If the Township supplied a backhoe, and 1 additional employee and 1 yard topsoil, 1/2yard manure, water, and we would bring the rest (stakes, bonemeal, mulch) and assist and supervise the cost could be reduced to app \$1000 - 1500.

The price is a bit variable since the current availability and prices have not been determined yet. The tree would be ordered from either a wholesale tree nursery near Peterborough or Cookstown and the shipping either combined with another order or shipped individually.

The tree planting would take place in May, to take advantage of the new Spring growth at its new home. It would need watering app every 2-3 weeks in July and August to get established (depending on current rainfall and temperature).

Future maintenance would be minimal.

I hope this helps in your decision making. For further questions please do not hesitate to email me or call (705-499-2365) my cell.

Sincerely

Hal Falk

Bachelor of Science in Forestry

Practicing Arbourist for 40+Years

On Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 10:54:47 a.m. EST, Monique Mclsaac <admin@chisholm.ca> wrote:

Good morning,

The Township of Chisholm Rec. Committee is currently looking at the possibility of planting a mature tree at Jubilee Park (corner of Alderdale & Memorial), for future Christmas Tree lighting events, and were looking at estimates and recommendations on the what kind of tree you would recommend. Size wise maybe 8-10 feet to start? Cost?

Thank you in advance for your help in this regard.

### **Recreation Committee Monthly Events 2025**

January - Nothing.  
February - Valentines Day (collect cards for the seniors), and Family Fishing Day (Family Day Weekend), possible ice-fishing, hot dogs, bonfire (Mon. Feb. 17, 2025)  
March - Workshops (to be determined)  
April - Scavenger Easter Egg Hunt, color sheets for both young and old(er)!  
May - Mother's Day (craft)  
June - Father's Day (craft) and Family Fishing Weekend, photo contest.  
July- Nothing.  
August - Horseshoe Beach Day Tournament  
September - Nothing.  
October - Pumpkin Carving  
November - Recognize vets, coloring pages.  
December - Crafts