



**Date:** November 20, 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 November 12, 2024, in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

### 1. SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Rhyno was appointed Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee.

Councillor Mitchell was appointed Vice Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee.

### 2. FAMILIARIZATION TOUR FOR COUNCIL

In the 2024/25 budget, there were operating funds set aside to host a familiarization tour for East Hants Council. Staff are looking to confirm two dates for these tours based on Council availability and the mode of transportation.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that ***Council approve booking two separate dates for Council familiarization tours at a date in April 2025 (to be determined) and tentatively June 27, 2025 and enlist the services of Atlantic Bus mini coach to provide transportation for the tours.***

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

### 3. LONG LAKE ACCESS

From the September 25, 2024, Council meeting staff were asked to investigate the possibility of accepting a waiver of liability or coming to a mutually satisfactory agreement that would allow residents to continue to use an access point off of Long Lake during the fall/winter months once the lake access was closed for the season. Staff were also directed to bring back information on improving the road at this water access point as part of 2025/26 budget discussions.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that ***Council do not move forward with providing residents keys to gated park sites and to maintain the current level of service in parks in East Hants.***

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

### 4. DISTRICT RECREATION FUNDS (DRF) POLICY UPDATE

At the June 26, 2024 meeting of Council, motion C24(211) was made regarding the District Recreation Fund Policy as it relates to school playground recapitalization and review of the District Recreation Fund policy was requested.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council *that Council approve the District Recreation Fund Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated November 12, 2024.*

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

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