

MINUTES

Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee
January 19, 2026

A meeting of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee was held on Monday, January 19, 2025 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, and livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube Channel.

Present: Councillor Lisa Chalapenko, Councillor Shelly Foote, Calista Bateman, Tom Piper, Julie Mahoney, Jennifer Bonnell, Margaret Hughes, Kathy Shaw and Kirsty Vandermeulen.

Staff: Will Bateman, Fire Chief, CEMC, Municipal By-law Officer and Kristin Linklater, Deputy Clerk – Administrative Assistant, Secretary.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-01

Moved by: Julie Mahoney

Seconded by: Lisa Chalapenko

THAT we appoint Calista Bateman as the Chairperson of the Recreation Committee for the Township of Nipissing for 2026. **Carried.**

Calista Bateman assumed the role of Chairperson.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-02

Moved by: Shelly Foote

Seconded by: Julie Mahoney

THAT the Minutes of the November 17, 2025 Recreation Committee Meeting are approved as circulated. **Carried.**

The Committee discussed proposed 2026 meeting dates, with particular attention to scheduling conflicts, alignment with Council meeting weeks, and the impact of evening meetings on community programming availability.

Discussion included:

- Potential conflicts with November 30.
- Consideration of moving meetings to create additional evening availability for programs such as yoga and other community activities.
- Possible coordination with other committees to avoid over-scheduling evenings.

The Committee agreed that additional review of calendars and scheduling options is required.

The matter was deferred to allow staff to review calendars and return with alternative meeting date options.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-03

Moved by: Lisa Chalapenko

Seconded by: Shelly Foote

THAT we authorize the distributions of donations collected from Chair Yoga from 2025.

Powassan Food Bank: \$150.00

Callander Food Bank: \$150.00

Recreation Account: \$125.45

Total: \$425.45 **Carried.**

Discussion:

Bottle Drive Update

Bottle Drive collection from both landfill locations.

- Total funds raised: \$363.40

The Committee expressed appreciation to all volunteers, including Councillors Stephen Kirkey and Councillor James Scott, for their continued support and assistance.

Chair Yoga Program Update:

- Chair Yoga resumed with 12-sessions scheduled.
- The Recreation Committee has funded the first 10 sessions.
- The remaining two sessions will be funded through donations.
- Attendance remains strong, averaging 23–24 participants.
- Defibrillator orientation provided by Kristin and Will.

Spaghetti Dinner:

The upcoming Spaghetti Dinner was discussed.

- Ticket prices to remain at \$15 for adults and \$8 for children.
- The goal is to break even and foster community engagement.
- Volunteers confirmed.
- Food and setup logistics reviewed, including:
 - Food preparation timing.
 - Menu confirmation (spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, desserts)
 - Volunteer arrival time and setup requirements.

Advertising efforts include flyers, signage, social media posts, and potential use of volunteer t-shirts for promotion.

Family Skate:

Updates were provided on upcoming Family Skate, including:

- Fireworks.
- DJ confirmation pending.
- Outdoor ice conditions reported as excellent.

- Hot chocolate and marshmallow station planned.
- Participation by members of the Powassan Voodoo's.

A reminder sheet of upcoming events was shared and will be distributed at future events.

New Winter Yoga Program

Discussion regarding a new winter yoga program was deferred to the next meeting pending additional information and scheduling review.

MOTION NUMBER 2025-04

Moved by: Tom Piper

Seconded by: Julie Mahoney

That the Meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:52 p.m. Next Meeting to be held March 2, 2026.
Carried.

Chairperson:

Secretary:

Minutes prepared as per Section 228 (1)(a) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25.
Clerk to record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of the council.
Minutes to be approved by the Board at the next scheduled Board Meeting.