



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 4:30 pm

Video Conference

Meetings may be viewed live on the City's Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SaultSteMarieOntario>

Present: J. Flood, T. McClelland, G. Young, Councillor L. Dufour, J. Mogg, A. Gallo, L. Derrer, S. Morin, P. Christian
Guests: K. Murray
Staff: V. McLeod, N. Maione

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: J. Mogg

Seconded by: T. McClelland

Resolved that Minutes of Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of May 6, 2025 be approved.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None Noted

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: J. Mogg

Seconded by: T. McClelland

Resolved that the Agenda for Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting for September 9, 2025 as presented be amended with the addition of 7.5 Flashvote - June info.

Carried

5. Business Arising

5.1 Updating Financial Assistance for National and International Competition

Annual budget is \$5000. The Corporate Communications team could assist in advertisement regarding the availability of the financial assistance.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: L. Derrer

Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee endorse the increase of financial assistance provided to individuals and groups to attend national and international competitions by increasing individuals to \$300, 2 to 6 participants to \$600, 7 to 15 participants \$1150 and 16 or more participants to \$1500.

Carried

6. Sub-committee / Task Force Updates

No updates

7. New Business

7.1 Park Development Updates

Wilcox Park is moving forward and the site is be prepared for installation. It is anticipated that the installation will take place late September or October. Park will be similar to Westwood and Parkland Parks in regards to equipment, rubber surfacing and pathway paving. Pricing for a possible sport court has been researched for the former tennis court site.

7.2 City Award Ceremonies

The City Award Ceremony is taking place on Wednesday September 17th. Jennifer Flood and Tracey McClelland will be representing PRAC and presenting the awards to the Sport Hall of Fame inductees, Carter Simpson and Lawrence Foster and Trisha Westman.

7.3 Sale of Park Greenspace for Residential Development

A report went to Council through the City Planning Department. They have a housing action plan from 2025-27 and a task force was created. One component of the review was to look at potential future opportunity in parks and recreation spaces. This is very preliminary and a full

analysis needs to be done. In the event that If a piece of park space is eventually identified a full consultation process would be implemented including public open houses. The PRAC committee will be kept involved throughout the process.

7.4 Financial Assistance Request

Moved by: A. Gallo

Seconded by: J. Mogg

Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee endorse the application by curlers Charlie Robert, Alissa Begin, Chris Glibota and Megan St. Amand to receive assistance to attend the 2025 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships from November 1st-9th, 2025 in the maximum amount currently eligible as per the policy.

Carried

7.5 Flash Vote

Specifically for Parks and Recreation. 285 Participants responded.

In the last 12 months about how often has you or your household used City of Sault Ste. Marie Parks? 26% said once per week and 29% said 1 once per week to once per month.

In the last 12 months which City of Sault Ste. Marie amenities has your household use? 38% said playgrounds, 31% said picnic shelters or pavilions and 36% said "others" which was Bellevue Park or Walking Trails.

Which Park amenities does the city parks need more of? 60% said restrooms, 44% said shade structures, 39% said seating, 36% said picnic tables or barbecues.

Which recreational features are in most need of improvements or upgrades? 36% said playgrounds for children over 6, 31% inclusive/accessible playgrounds, 21% pickleball courts, 20% playgrounds for children 2-5.

8. Correspondence

9. Next Meeting

October 7, 2025 at 4:30 pm

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: A. Gallo

Resolved that this Committee now adjourn.

Carried