



Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee (Will be amended to Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee)

Mandate

The mandate of the Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee is to advise the Standing Committee on the provision of Recreation & Culture services in the City of Elliot Lake. Assisting in the development and recommendation of the policy, programs, projects and special events. Promoting and maintaining communication with the public, on Recreation & Culture needs.

The Committee should endeavour to identify local priorities, develop local solutions and make recommendations to the Recreation and Culture Standing Committee. Recommendations will encourage a wide range of services that maximizes the use of City facilities and promotes participation in a fair and consistent manner, at a cost that is fiscally responsible to the participant and taxpayer.

Benefits to the City of Elliot Lake

The benefits of encouraging volunteers to assist as Committee Members include:

- Facilitating citizen participation in City activities
- Stakeholder engagement
- Access to citizen knowledge and expertise which augments Council debate and decision making
- Access to community values and connections through individual viewpoints
- Act as Community Champions

Responsibilities

The Recreation and Culture Planning Advisory Committee shall accomplish its mandate by:

- Providing a forum for citizens to raise issues and concerns regarding recreation, parks, culture activities and leisure issues in the City;
- Providing advice and guidance to the Standing Committee on matters pertaining to policies, practice and programs; concerning parks, recreation, culture and leisure in the City;
- Advocating on behalf of the recreation, cultural and park users in the City;
- Reviewing and advising on the recreation priorities of the community by providing feedback on the planning of park, trails, facilities, cultural services, and programs through a community perspective;
- Working with community agencies to foster development and implementation of recreational programs, culture and parks in identified areas;
- Providing opportunities for the pursuit of leisure and recreation, in order to improve the quality of life in the community;

- Providing support and co-ordination of neighbourhood community efforts necessary for the development and implementation of leisure and recreation facilities, parks and programs;
- Advising on the development and conservation of park lands, trails and recreational facilities;
- Dealing with referrals from the Chief Administrative Officer, Council or Standing Committee and Staff;
- Investigating and promoting community partnerships;
- Acting as a Steering Committee in public planning processes;
- Acting as a working committee on various Recreation and Culture Department projects and events;
- Fostering public awareness, recognition and support for parks, trails, culture, facilities and programs.

Organization

The Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee shall elect a Chair from its membership.

In addition, the Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee shall have the following;

1. 1 Staff representative as a resource, secretarial, liaison and/or advisory capacity from the Recreation & Culture Department (non-voting)
2. A member of the Committee shall be appointed from the Algoma Health Unit if possible.
3. Voting members who miss three subsequent meetings without providing reasonable regret shall be deemed to have resigned and Council shall appoint a replacement by resolution