

Northwest Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
October 6, 2025 at 6:30pm Via Zoom

Item No. 1. Call to Order

Chairman's Statement:

This meeting is being livestreamed and will be available on the Foothills County Website.

Item No. 2. Agenda

2.1 Adoption Additions or deletions agenda – All

2.2 Adoption of the October 6, 2025 Agenda

Item No. 3. Minutes

3.1 Adoption of June 2, 2025 minutes – All

Item No. 4. Business

4.1 Board Member Resignation – jka

4.2 Fundraising update – jka

4.3 Tour/Event -jka

Item No. 5. Round Table

5.1 Facilities – update from JP

5.2 Member Reports

Council

Division 3 - BC

Division 4 - SO

Division 5 – AA

Millarville Sports Association - JJ

Millarville Racing and Agriculture Society - SC

Division 3 – NS, RB

Division 4 - KT

Item No. 6. Business arising out of meeting

6.1 Action Items

Item No. 7. Next Meeting:

December 8, 2025 @ 6:30pm

2025 Meetings - 1st Monday – even months (generally) at 6:30pm via zoom

February 3 - AGM (6pm), February 3 – Regular meeting (6:30 pm following AGM), April 7, June 2,
October 6, ~~December 1~~, **December 8.**

Item No. 9. Adjourn meeting at _____pm

Northwest Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes

The Northwest Recreation Board met on June 2, 2025 via Zoom at 6:30pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Robert Bell, Board Member, Chairperson (Div 3)
Division 3 Councillor Barb Castell
Division 4 Councillor Suzanne Oel
Kim Trottier, Board Member (Div 4)
Sylvia Checkley, Board Member (MRAS, MAL, Div 5)

Staff in Attendance:

Jeff Porter – Manager of Parks & Recreation
Johanna Kortenschyl-Allan –
Community and Recreation Coordinator
Garity Stanley –
Legislative Services Assistant - Zoom Moderator

Regrets:

Division 5 Councillor Alan Alger
Jarrod Jahnke, Board Member, Vice Chairman
(MSA, MAL, Div 4)
Kimberley Smith Epp, Board Member (Div 3)
Nancy Seaman, Board Member (Div 3)

Item No. 1. - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by R. Bell at 6:33pm. Quorum was met with five members present.

R. Bell reminded the Board that the meeting is being live-streamed, and a recording of the meeting will be available on the County's website.

Item No. 2. - Agenda

2.1 Additions or Deletions to Agenda - nil

2.2 Adoption of June 2, 2025 Agenda

MOVED by B. Castell to approve June 2, 2025 Northwest Recreation Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item No. 3. – Minutes

3.1 Adoption of April 7, 2025 minutes

MOVED by B. Castell to adopt approve the April 7, 2025 Northwest Recreation Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item No. 4. - Business

4.1 Fundraising Update

J. Kortenschyl-Allan provided that the Fund Raising Campaign was active with the location of the forms at <https://www.foothillscountyab.ca/community/recreation-boards/north-west-foothills-recreation-board>
This is where all NWREC information is available.

The board discussed availability of Fundraising Campaign Forms, locations for distribution, tributes/acknowledgements, signage, tour/event, participation at other community events for exposure

MOVED by S.Oel to accept the Castell to acknowledge the June 2, 2025 Fundraising Campaign Update as presented.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by S.Oel to launch a tribute working group comprised of three NWREC board members and one staff member to provide the board with options regarding acknowledgment of donors to the current Fundraising Campaign.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Tour/Event discussed

The board discussed several options pending the fundraising sign being installed. If there are no community events to coordinate with, planning for the spring might be better so NWREC fundraising can be part of a MSA or other community event.

Item No. 5. Round Table

5.1 Facilities

J. Porter provided the gate has been left open again on several occasions. The code will be changed to help reduce vandalism. The Scott Daniel Seamen statue has been reinstalled in the park. There are other park signs that have also been vandalised. During the summer the park gate is unlocked, but the gate from the parking lot into the rest of the park is locked, except for the walk-through passage. The gate to the park is locked during the winter.

5.2 Member Reports

Board Member reports are attached to minutes.

MOVED by B. Castell to accept the representative reports and place on file for information purposes.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item No. 6. – Business arising out of meeting

6.1 New Action Items

1. www.nwfoothillsrec.com is the source for the fundraising information and donation form
2. Social media – post pictures after onsite tour
3. Tour and or Event – coordinate with existing and upcoming community events
4. Millarville Market/ community exposure opportunities
5. Mowing and staking of the proposed multi-sport field location
6. Tributes working group
7. Signage – fundraising and general

1. Rocks for playground on hold pending sponsorship funding

MOVED by S. Checkley to acknowledge the new action items.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item No. 7. Next Meeting

Next Meeting is October 6, 2025 at 6:30pm

MOVED by B. Castell to move the December 1, 2025 meeting to December 8, 2025.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Item No. 9. Adjournment

R. Bell adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.

Chairman

Secretary

NWREC Representative Reports June 2, 2025

Division 3 Update – B. Castell

Highway 22 going south from Highway 549 all the way down to Diamond Valley, is under repair. Delays are to be expected. Many travelers are opting to go down Racetrack Road and need to remember the speed limit on Foothills County roads are all 80 km unless otherwise posted.

For all the gardeners out there, the Millarville Horticulture Club is having their annual plant sale at the Quonset at the Millarville Racing & Agriculture Society on this Thursday, June 5 at 7 p.m. sharp. If you want member grown plants for a cheap price, be there on the dot. Plants sell out in 10 minutes.

I went to the Celebration of Life for Dr. Greg Powell, Saturday, May 31 at 2 p.m. at the BMO Centre.

What an amazing tribute to a truly remarkable man. Over 600 people and many more online, honoured the life of Dr. Greg Powell, founder of STARS.

STARS was founded in 1985. Since then, thousands of people owe their lives to this incredible man.

His three children, co-workers, STARS family, close friends, and wife, Linda gave us an incite into this special man.

A true visionary.

Division 4 Update – S. Oel

Priddis Community Association:

- The outdoor tennis and pickleball courts are in full use and much attended
- Volunteer run library, located in the old schoolhouse, is open 3 days a week.
- Priddis garage sale was held on Saturday May 10. Great turn out.
- Community clean up took place on May 25.
- Second annual community pickleball tournament is planned for Saturday June 21 at our community courts.
- PCA's Stampede Breakfast, biggest community event, is planned for Sunday July 6 from 8am-noon with a local vendor market, live music, horse drawn wagon rides, face painting, a petting zoo, other special animal guests and a vendor market.
- Major rink repairs are being planned to address the current state of the rink structure and boards. Working on funding.

Priddis Greens: PGCA is actively setting up events in 2025. Our new board member will share details...

Hawk's Landing: HLCA held their AGM at the end of April. Stolen signs were replaced. Working on community social events and community beautification.

Priddis Creek Estates: PCEA is holding their 2025 AGM in June. Continue maintenance on grounds and building.

West Foothills: WFCA held their AGM in May. Many topics of interest in WF these days. Water, access to transfer stations, emergency preparedness.

Fish Creek Watershed Association: is hosting a Creek Walk in June. Have also posted educational signs in the Division 4 area to identify creeks and riparian sites in the Hamlet of Priddis.

AGM Season: for other Division 4 community associations is upon us. FireSmart, emergency planning, etc., are topics on the agendas. CAs are also requesting community yearly clean-up grants and support for upcoming Stampede Breakfast events or Canada Day events.

Division 5 Update – A. Alger

The DeWinton Community Association is hosting the 43rd annual Canada Day Breakfast at the De Winton Hall – rain or shine. Pancakes, ham and all the fixin's! more information at www.Dewintonca.com

Millarville Sports Association Update – J. Janke

Baseball registration was up, but seemingly at the expense of soccer, which was down. Everyone is looking forward to a new soccer field however, as the fields at the school are pretty rough and unlevel. We will be doing a casino fundraiser early in 2026.

Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society – S. Checkley – nil ?

- Spring Market May 10th was very successful.
- Millarville Market starts Saturday June 21 until early October.
- Getting Ready for the 120th Running of the Millarville Races on July 1st, 2025.
- There are many ongoing equine activities, clinics, and riding lessons.
- The arena construction underway to the entrance that include washrooms, storage and offices. Updates can be viewed on the website <https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/>

Division 3 – K. Smith Epp - nil

Division 3 – N. Seaman - nil

Division 3 – R. Bell –

There are various people using the park. The park looks quite nice with the benches.

Division 4 – K. Trottier

- Three new families were welcomed to our community over the past few months and currently we have two villas for sale.
- Our fall and winter pub nights have now changed to Pop Up Happy Hours which are held in resident backyards for a few hours of conversation and fun.
- Ladies Who Lunch held lunches at Von Essen in Bragg Creek, the Lakehouse in Calgary and we will meet in June at the Saskatoon Berry Farm.
- The annual FireSmart clean up May 19 - 26th and resident potluck was held at the end of the week to celebrate a job well done and another year of accreditation.
- The Priddis Greens Services Co-op Ltd. (PGSCL) held their annual AGM in April.
- The Priddis Greens Community Association (PGCA) will hold their AGM at the end of June.
- We have a resident bear roaming the backyards and golf course and while this is an awesome sight to see, the danger is also recognized. Residents have been strongly urged to take all bird feeders down and remain cautious when walking pets. Mom and babies have also been seen on the Priddis Greens Road.
- We will be having a Stampede Potluck in July with Alex Hughes as the live entertainment!