



Regional Sports Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2024

M.D. of Bonnyville Administration Office
Bonnyville, AB

Committee Members: Chairperson: Darcy Skarsen, Municipal District of Bonnyville Councillor
Nick Werstiuk, Village of Glendon Mayor via Teams
Neil Langridge, Town of Bonnyville Councillor via Teams
Craig Copeland, City of Cold Lake Mayor via Teams
Brad Dumencu, Municipal District of Bonnyville Member at Large
Danielle Larsen, Town of Bonnyville Member at Large
Mike Kilburn, City of Cold Lake Member at Large **Absent**

Administration Staff: Esther Quiambao, Municipal District of Bonnyville General Manager of
Planning & Community Services
Kim Verheul, Municipal District of Bonnyville Community Programming
Coordinator Parks & Recreation

1. Call to Order

Darcy Skarsen called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Adopt Agenda

Danielle Larsen made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

- Carried.

3. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

Esther Quiambao clarified that after further investigation, the creation of a 2026 Winter Games Society cannot be undertaken by anyone other than by the Regional Sports Tourism Committee. This is largely due to the amount and type of fundamental information required for the application forms.

Once drafted and compiled, this information should then be presented to each involved Council by the Committee with a request for a motion approving the new Society and its

proposed structure. Following this approval, then the paperwork can be submitted to the province. Following that, the entity itself would then be able to advertise and hire a 2026 Games Manager.

ACTION: Kim Verheul to send out the necessary Society application provincial forms to the Committee for completion by the Committee at the next meeting.

Craig Copeland completed his action items and provided further information through email that was circulated to this committee.

4. 2026 Alberta Winter Games Discussion

The following people will be attending the 2024 Winter Games in Grande Prairie this month:

- Town of Bonnyville: Danielle Larsen and Elisa Brosseau
- M.D. of Bonnyville: Brad Dumencu and Les Parsons (alternate for Darcy Skarsen)
- City of Cold Lake: Craig Copeland

Danielle Larsen mentioned that she will touch base with Elisa Brosseau to see if they can carpool to Grande Prairie.

Darcy Skarsen was notified that the official announcement of the 2026 AB Winter Games Bid Winner that was scheduled for this afternoon, has now been postponed. It will most likely become a virtual announcement. He will notify the committee once he has heard anything further.

Craig Copeland mentioned that the Province may be adding more funds than previously expected for the 2026 AB Winter Games. This needs to be confirmed as well as the intent for the funds.

5. Round Table

Esther Quiambao relayed that under the Terms of Reference for this committee, it mentions that this committee should setup an operational budget through an equal share from each partnering municipality. As this has yet to be setup, any expenses that will be processed through the M.D. will be coming out of the original \$250,000 commitment. Craig Copeland mentioned that the City of Cold Lake would be doing the same thing.

Neil Langridge requested clarity regarding the administrative role for this committee. Esther Quiambao clarified the expectations of the recording secretary as defined by the Terms of Reference including the one-year term rotation for this position. Other tasks/actions are completed by the Committee and its members.

6. Next Meeting

Monday, March 4th, 2024 at 5pm at the M.D. of Bonnyville administration office.

7. Adjournment

Brad Dumencu made a motion to adjourn at 5:36 PM.

Carried.