

Present: Deputy Mayor Elderkin
Councillor Lackey
Councillor Cooke
Councillor Davis
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Reid

Absent: Mayor Campbell

Staff Present Kim Beers, Director, Legislative Services/Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Elderkin called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Lackey* and **SECONDED** by *Councillor Cooke* THAT the agenda be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None declared.

RIVERSIDE-ALBERT RECREATION CENTRE BALL FIELD BUNKER PROJECT

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Cooke* and **SECONDED** by *Councillor Phillips* THAT Council authorize Administration to submit an application to the Assumption Life – MAC – Goguen Champlain Community Fund for the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre Ball Field Bunker Project and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute all documents necessary to support the application.

Questions on the Motion

Councillor Cooke advised this is a good for the community.

Councillor Lackey expressed concern about prioritizing improvements to the Riverside-Albert ball field when the Recreation Centre itself requires significant repairs, including the flooring and fire doors. He questioned whether a simpler, lower-cost solution, such as installing a fence to block the players' bench, would be more appropriate given the Municipality's limited resources. It was clarified that the available funding stream is specifically intended for projects like the ball field

improvements and is not eligible to fund Recreation Centre building repairs.

Deputy Mayor Elderkin noted that volunteers have been organizing weekly youth baseball activities on Tuesday evenings, resulting in strong community participation. The volunteers have been covering some program costs themselves and previously applied for a grant that was not eligible, leading them to pursue the current funding opportunity. **Deputy Mayor Elderkin** emphasized the importance of supporting the return of youth baseball and encouraged greater collaboration between communities, including shared recreation programs and participation across Fundy Albert.

Councillor Phillips asked whether the Municipality has the equipment needed to support organized baseball programs. It was clarified that the Municipality provides the field, bases, and ongoing field maintenance, while teams are responsible for supplying their own bats, protective equipment, and other playing gear.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously)

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Phillips** **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Deputy Mayor

Clerk