

- Increase municipal funding to \$60,000 per year (+\$15,000).
- Goals for this funding:
 - Modernize the website to enable automated reservations and payments via credit card.
 - Hire 2-3 employees to strengthen operations (\$12,000/employee per year based on minimum wage).
 - Cover mandatory and routine expenses, including utilities, maintenance, and other operational costs.
- Consequences of Non-Funding:
 - Risk of the recreation center closing due to the inability to manage operations.
 - Loss of an essential resource for the community.

Conclusion:

Mr. Comeau emphasized the importance of investing in human resources to ensure the continuity and expansion of the recreation center’s services. He thanked the municipal council for their past support and expressed hope for continued collaboration to strengthen the center’s impact on the community.

Formal Request: Approval of an additional \$15,000 in funding for a total of \$60,000 per year.

2.2 4 Directions by Rene Vienneau

René Vienneau, representing 4 Directions, presented the organization's annual update. 4 Directions operates the *Fundamentals of Wilderness Survival* program, a local non-profit initiative designed for youth. Specializing in forest expeditions, the program provides students with a unique and memorable wilderness experience while equipping them with essential life skills.

The adventure program is not only educational but also enriching and fun, offering participants the chance to connect with nature. Students embark on a journey of survival, learning critical skills such as first aid, fire starting, shelter building, and signaling. Under the guidance of expert instructors, they also develop strategies to cope with challenges like fear, anxiety, and loneliness.

Their commitment is to provide youth with or without financial means or opportunities to participate in an experiential learning in nature.

The entry fee is \$750 per student. To reduce costs, they are seeking sponsorships with a minimum contribution of \$250. In previous years, the council has sponsored two students from Bathurst.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Carolle Roy, Acting City Clerk