

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS RECREATION, CULTURE & PARKS BOARD

Tayles Board Room – Civic Cultural Center – 5018 Waghorn Street
Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Welcome to the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting – September 2, 2026
 - 1.2 Call to Order
 - 1.3 Approval of Agenda
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2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 2.1 In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Town of Blackfalds acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral lands of Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (Denay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and nonstatus peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands since time immemorial.

We recognize the inherent relationships Indigenous communities have with this land and its creatures and commit to supporting reconciliation and healing. We honour the resilience, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, past and present.

As we gather, we pledge to listen, learn, and take meaningful action toward a future based on mutual respect and understanding as we continue on our journey of truth and healing. We recognize that reconciliation is not a single act but a lifelong journey—one that requires accountability, humility, and the centering of Indigenous voices.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Homeschool Sports Co-op
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4. BUSINESS

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2026
 - 4.2 Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Homeschool Sports Co-op
 - 4.3 Rate Bylaw – Schedule “C” Recreation Rates & Fees
 - 4.4 Proposed Thrifty Thursday Discount Program - 2027
 - 4.5 Council Update
 - 4.6 Abbey Centre Update
 - 4.7 Parks & Civic Facilities Update
 - 4.8 Eagle Builders Centre & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update
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5. CONFIDENTIAL

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Shane Hanson, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Mark Visscher, Lacombe County Representative
Kayla Marquis, Public at Large
Shauna Sawchuk, Public at Large
Steven Haraldson, Public at Large
Louise Rellis, Public at Large

OTHERS ATTENDING

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager
Jeff Heindel, Parks and Facilities Manager
Kurt Jensen, Sports and Events Coordinator

REGRETS

Jim Sands, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Trent Kroetsch, Public at Large
Shauna Sawchuk, Public at Large

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Member at Large Rellis welcomed all attending and called the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Member at Large Haraldson moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty 6 territory.

PRESENTATIONS

Municipal Development Plan Presentation – Jolene Tejkl

Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager for the Town of Blackfalds provided a presentation on the comprehensive review of the Municipal Development Plan.

Heart of Blackfalds Society – Indigenous Heart Garden

Two representatives from the Heart of Blackfalds Society presented a proposed plan for an indigenous heart garden for a Municipal Reserve area on Vista Trail.

Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Agricultural Society

A representative from the Blackfalds Ag Society provided a presentation on their Community Initiatives

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Grant submission.

Community Initiatives Grant – Heart of Blackfalds Society

Two representatives from the Heart of Blackfalds Society provided a presentation on their Community Initiatives Grant submission.

Community Initiatives Grant – Bookman of Blackfalds

A representative from the Bookman of Blackfalds provided a presentation on their Community Initiatives Grant submission.

Community Initiatives Grant – Optimist Club of Blackfalds

No presentation.

Community Initiatives Grant – Whimsy Studios

Two representatives from Whimsy Studios provided a presentation on their Community Initiatives Grant submission.

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Member at Large Visscher moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Minutes from March 4, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Agricultural Society

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board discussed the application and determined that more detailed information is required about the grant they received, the total cost of the event and what they are considering for catering/food expenses. The grant application would then be reviewed at the next meeting in September.

Member at Large Rellis moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to request more information about their event and review the application at the next meeting in September.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant – Heart of Blackfalds Society

Two representatives from the Heart of Blackfalds Society provided a Community Initiatives Grant application requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting costs to host the Blackfalds Block Party including the rental of a dunk tank, door prizes, candy, games and porta potty rentals.

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Councillor Hanson moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to provide grant funding of \$1,250 to the Heart of Blackfalds Society from the Community Initiatives Grant for their event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant – Bookman of Blackfalds

A representative from the Bookman of Blackfalds provided a Community Initiatives Grant application requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting costs for a sound system, equipment, lighting, local bands/artists, advertising and volunteer supplies.

Member at Large Visscher moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend that Administration request more detail related to the expenses of this event for a future application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant – Optimist Club of Blackfalds

The RCP Board reviewed the Community Initiatives Grant request of \$2,500 from the Optimist Club of Blackfalds to provide a DJ and live music for the Blackfalds Block Party.

Councillor Hanson moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to provide grant funding of \$1,250 to the Optimist Club of Blackfalds from the Community Initiatives Grant for the Blackfalds Block Party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant – Whimsy Studios

Representative from Whimsy Studios provided a Community Initiatives Grant application requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting costs for supplies, kiln firing and staffing related to hosting ceramic programs for the community.

Member at Large Visscher moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend that Administration request an adjustment to their proposed program and return to a future application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Disc Golf Course Layout

Coordinator Jensen met with the Optimist Club and put together a proposed layout for the disc golf course at McKay Ranch. The layout includes 5 holes and would expand to 9 holes as the McKay Ranch area develops the park space. The targets can be easily moved if there are any concerns with the layout. The layout will be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation Rate Review

Administration is working on updating recreation rates for review and requested the RCP Board to

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provide preliminary feedback on our rates. The RCP Board discussed the rates and were generally in favour of a moderate increase to rates. Suggestions also included removing the tournament rate. Ball diamond and soccer pitch rates are lower than comparators. The Abbey Centre membership and admission rates would see a modest increase. New rates will be provided to the RCP Board at the September meeting based and request further feedback from the RCP Board before taking the rates to Council.

Meeting Extension

Member at Large Haraldson moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board extend the meeting time to 10:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter from Central Alberta Selects re Ice Time

Administration presented a letter from the Central Alberta Selects regarding additional ice time.

Councillor Hanson moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board accept this letter as information and direct to request to our Ice Allocation Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Abbey Centre Update

- Manager Simpson presented the monthly highlights

Parks and Facilities Update

- Manager Heindel presented the monthly highlights

EBC & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update

- Coordinator Jensen presented the monthly highlights

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Indigenous Heart Garden

The RCP Board discussed the proposed park and location. Administration will bring this to a future Council Meeting.

Member at Large Marquis moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend That Administration bring forward this proposal to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board received the items as information.

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Chair Kroetsch adjourned the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board Meeting at 9:57 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Trent Kroetsch, Chair

-Original Signed-

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2026
PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: **Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Homeschool Sports Co-op**

BACKGROUND

The Community Initiatives Grant was established to help local groups improve their programs and support their community events. This not only helps them establish themselves as a self-sufficient group and generate buy-in/memberships, but it also takes pressure off Town staff to plan programs.

DISCUSSION

Administration received a Community Initiatives Grant from the Blackfalds Homeschool Sports Co-op to offset the rental costs of the Abbey Centre Field House Gymnasium to run sports programming for youth. The Blackfalds Homeschool Sports Co-op is requesting \$1,040 towards offsetting those costs. There is \$8,000 remaining in the Community Initiatives Grant budget.

ATTACHMENTS

- Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Homeschool Sports Co-op

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES GRANT APPLICATION

*Please refer to the Community Initiatives Grant Information Package prior to filling out this application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization/
Group Name: Blackfalds Homeschool Sports Co-op

Contact Person: Breanne Vanwart Phone Number: 587-876-3801

Mailing Address & Postal Code: 5317 Aspen Crescent Po Box 176 T0M 0J0

Email Address: bre_kinley-88@hotmail.com

Website (if applicable): Social Media (if applicable):

Brief Organization Description:

A collective of homeschool families hosting a twice per month school style gym class at the Abbey Centre.

INITIATIVE INFORMATION

Dates/Times: Two days per month for two hours (TBD by Abbey Centre)

Location(s): Abbey Centre in cold months, Blackfalds ball/soccer fields in warm months

Please provide a brief description of the initiative?

A daytime gym class offered to homeschool families in Blackfalds at no cost. Parents will volunteer to teach and facilitate different sports each week, giving the children an opportunity to participate in group sports with a large group.

How does the initiative fulfill a need with the community?

Homeschool families rarely have the opportunity to participate in gym classes without incurring a large cost. This would provide local homeschool families to attend school style gym classes for free and stay within the community. Both Red Deer and Lacombe have registered programs for gym that are expensive.

Personal information on this form will be used strictly for obtaining the prescribed consent. This information is collected under the authority of Section 4(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act and will be protected under Part 1 of the Act. Questions regarding the collection and use of this information may be directed to the Information Governance Coordinator at access@blackfalds.ca or by phone at 403.885.6370.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

How does the initiative encourage community participation?

Homeschool families in Blackfalds can attend free hockey in Lacombe during the winter, or paid gym classes in Red Deer and at Burman U. in Lacombe. The Blackfalds Homeschool Gym Co-op would allow Blackfalds families remain in Blackfalds and have access to a free gym class. Local parents will teach/coach and children will make friends with others who live in their community.

What is the cost to attend your program or event?

The cost to participants will be free. With grant funding, we would rent 1/3 of the Abbey Centre Fieldhouse twice per month for two hours and invite families to participate at no cost. Coaches/teachers volunteer to teach and facilitate each sport.

Is your group/organization receiving funding (donations, grants, sponsorship, other revenues) from other sources?

No, our initial pitch to the families asked which families have Abbey Centre memberships and how much the non-membership families would be comfortable spending to use the space. We have asked for no other financial assistance and would love the opportunity to host this at no cost to families.

How will the initiative provide a positive and lasting impact on the community?

We offer free homeschool hockey through a Hockey Alberta grant in Lacombe and this will be our fourth year - the friendships, teamwork, volunteer spirit and excitement are contagious. We would love the chance to bring the same impact to our own community of Blackfalds. This would give homeschool families the chance to build friendships and sportsmanship that will last a lifetime.

Nothing is better than volunteering in your community.

INITIATIVE BUDGET

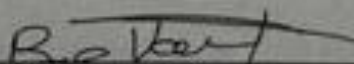
*Please fill in the anticipated budget for your program/event or provide an attached budget

Revenue:	Value \$	Details
Grants		
Donations		
Sponsorships		
Other Revenues		
Grant Amount Requested	\$ 1040.00	rental of 1/3 Abbey Fieldhouse 11 x 2 hours
Total Revenues:		
Expenditures:		
Materials		
Artist/Instructor/Performance Fees		
Promotional Expenses		
Administrative Costs		
Insurance, Licencing		
Other Costs	\$ 1040.00	rental of 1/3 Abbey Fieldhouse 11 x 2 hours
Total Expenditures:		
Deficit:		

Additional information:

Breanne Vanwart

Name of Applicant (please print)



Signature of Applicant

July 10/26

Date

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Date Received:

Town of Blackfalds Staff Signature:

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2026
PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: **Proposed Rates and Fees 2026**

BACKGROUND

Every two years, the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board (RCP) reviews the rates and fees for recreation facilities and recommends changes for Council consideration. In 2024, only minor changes were made to the baseball/soccer fees, the definition of non-profit minor sports associations and the damage deposit for alcohol-related events at our facilities. The rates and fees are reviewed by the RCP Board and then approved by Council and take effect January 1, 2027 with the exception of ice rates which take effect the following ice season (September).

DISCUSSION

Administration has reviewed the rates and fees and prepared a proposal for the RCP to Board to review. The rates and fees are attached and all changes are shown in red. There are changes across a majority of rates and fees as well as definitions. The room rentals would increase by 5% as per the discussion last meeting. Abbey Centre membership and admissions are due for an increase as they have only been increased once since the building opened in 2014. Definitions were updated to include the regional rate and junior rate as well as define the weekend rates for each facility. A maximum campground stay was also added to the rates and fees to support the short-term recreational accommodation that the park is intended for.

ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed Rates and Fees 2026

FACILITY - COMMUNITY CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Local PROPOSED	Non-local PROPOSED	Local Non-Profit PROPOSED	Notes
Main Hall							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 65.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 68.25	\$ 81.90	\$ 40.95	More than Banquet Room amount. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 1.5 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 520.00	\$ 624.00	\$ 312.00	\$ 546.00	\$ 655.20	\$ 327.60	
Partial Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 780.00	\$ 936.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 819.00	\$ 982.80	\$ 491.40	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 546.00	\$ 955.50	\$ 1,146.60	\$ 573.30	
Multipurpose Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 47.25	\$ 56.70	\$ 28.35	Comparable to Banquet Room amount. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 1.5 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 453.60	\$ 226.80	
Partial Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 540.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 324.00	\$ 567.00	\$ 680.40	\$ 340.20	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 630.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 661.50	\$ 793.80	\$ 396.90	
Main Hall & Multipurpose Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 81.25	\$ 97.50	\$ 48.75	\$ 85.25	\$ 102.30	\$ 51.15	Hourly Rate, Daily Rate and Weekend Rate is 1.25 x Main Hall rates. Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 650.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 682.00	\$ 818.40	\$ 409.20	
Partial Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 585.00	\$ 1,023.00	\$ 1,227.60	\$ 613.80	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 1,137.50	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 682.50	\$ 1,193.50	\$ 1,432.20	\$ 716.10	
Meeting Room 1							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 36.75	\$ 44.10	\$ 22.05	Comparable to Program Room, Performance Room and Fitness Studio 2
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 294.00	\$ 352.80	\$ 176.40	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 705.60	\$ 352.80	

FACILITY - EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Local PROPOSED	Non-local PROPOSED	Local Non-Profit PROPOSED	Notes
Banquet Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 47.25	\$ 56.70	\$ 28.35	Comparable to Multipurpose Room amount. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 1.5 x day rate. Full Weekend Rate is 1.75 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 453.60	\$ 226.80	
Partial Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 540.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 324.00	\$ 567.00	\$ 680.40	\$ 340.20	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 630.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 661.50	\$ 793.80	\$ 396.90	
Performance Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 36.75	\$ 44.10	\$ 22.05	Comparable to Program Room, Community Centre Meeting Room and Fitness Studio 2
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 294.00	\$ 352.80	\$ 176.40	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 705.60	\$ 352.80	
Ag. Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 26.00	\$ 31.20	\$ 15.60	\$ 27.00	\$ 32.40	\$ 16.20	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 208.00	\$ 249.60	\$ 124.80	\$ 216.00	\$ 259.20	\$ 129.60	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 416.00	\$ 499.20	\$ 249.60	\$ 432.00	\$ 518.40	\$ 259.20	
Ice Rate							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 180.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 189.00	\$ 226.80	\$ 113.40	Local = Base Rate, Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate.
Tournament Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 153.00	n/a	n/a	Removed from Rates - Using Hourly Rate			
Junior Hockey Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 153.00	n/a	n/a	\$ 160.65			0.85 x the local base rate
Regional Non-Profit Rental Rate (Hourly)	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$ 132.30			New rate - 0.7 x the local base rate

Non-Prime Hourly Rental Rate (Weekdays 8 am to 4 pm)	\$ 72.00	n/a	n/a	\$ 75.60			0.4 x the local base rate, extended non-prime time to 4 pm, was 2 pm
Dry Floor Arena							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 85.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 106.80	\$ 53.40	Comparable to 2/3 of Field House. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 680.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 408.00	\$ 712.00	\$ 854.40	\$ 427.20	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 1,424.00	\$ 1,708.80	\$ 854.40	

FACILITY - STERLING INDUSTRIES SPORTS PARK/COM. GARDEN	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Local PROPOSED	Non-local PROPOSED	Local Non-Profit PROPOSED	Notes
Ball Diamonds							Local = Base Rate, Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate. Regional Rate = 0.7 x base rate. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate x 3 diamonds. Extended Weekend Rate = 3.5 x day rate x 2.5.
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 12.00	
Daily Rental Rate (per Diamond)	\$ 120.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 96.00	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,152.00	\$ 576.00	
Extended Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,512.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,728.00	\$ 864.00	
Regional Non-Profit Rental Rate (Hourly)	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$ 14.00			
Concession Day Rate	\$ 82.50	\$ 99.00	\$ 49.50				
Concession Weekend Rate	\$ 247.50	\$ 297.00	\$ 148.50				
Campground - Tenting (per night)	\$ 10.00			\$ 15.00			
Campground - Trailer/Motorhome (per night)	\$ 20.00			\$ 25.00			
Soccer Pitches							Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2.5 x day rate x 1.5 pitches.
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 12.00	
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 120.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 96.00	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 450.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 576.00	\$ 288.00	
Community Gardens							
Large Garden (per 5m x 5m garden plot)	\$ 30.00			\$ 35.00			
Small Garden (per 2.5m x 5m garden plot)	\$ 15.00			\$ 17.50			

FACILITY - ABBEY CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Local PROPOSED	Non-local PROPOSED	Local Non-Profit PROPOSED	Notes
Program Room							Comparable to Community Centre Meeting Room, Performance Room and Fitness Studio 2
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 36.75	\$ 44.10	\$ 22.05	
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 294.00	\$ 352.80	\$ 176.40	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 705.60	\$ 352.80	
Fitness Studio 1							\$5 more than Banquet Rm, \$10 more than Fitness Studio 2 & Program Rm.
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 47.25	\$ 56.70	\$ 28.35	
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 453.60	\$ 226.80	
Fitness Studio 2							Comparable to Community Centre Meeting Room, Performance Room and Servus Program Room
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 36.75	\$ 44.10	\$ 22.05	
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 294.00	\$ 352.80	\$ 176.40	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 705.60	\$ 352.80	
1/3 Field House Gym							Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 47.25	\$ 56.70	\$ 28.35	
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 453.60	\$ 226.80	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 720.00	\$ 864.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 907.20	\$ 453.60	

2/3 Field House Gym							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 85.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 89.25	\$ 107.10	\$ 53.55	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 680.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 408.00	\$ 714.00	\$ 856.80	\$ 428.40	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 1,428.00	\$ 1,713.60	\$ 856.80	
Full-use Field House Gym							
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 892.50	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 535.50	Day Rate is based on 1.25 x the 2/3 Field House. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Partial Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 1,326.00	\$ 663.00	\$ 1,160.25	\$ 1,392.30	\$ 696.15	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 1,071.00	
Amphitheatre							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 21.00	\$ 25.20	\$ 12.60	\$ 22.00	\$ 26.40	\$ 13.20	Day Rate is based on 8 x the hourly rate. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 168.00	\$ 201.60	\$ 100.80	\$ 176.00	\$ 211.20	\$ 105.60	
Full Weekend Rental Rate	\$ 336.00	\$ 403.20	\$ 201.60	\$ 352.00	\$ 422.40	\$ 211.20	

ABBEY CENTRE MEMBERSHIP/ADMISSIONS				
Single Admission	Rate	Notes	Proposed Increase	Added Revenue (based on 2025)
Track	\$ 2.00		\$ 3.00	\$ 2,754.00
Infant	FREE	Under 1	FREE	FREE
Toddler	\$ 1.00	1 and 2	\$ 2.00	\$ 3,599.00
Child	\$ 5.00	3 to 7	\$ 5.50	\$ 4,049.50
Youth	\$ 5.50	8 to 12	\$ 6.00	\$ 3,597.00
Teen	\$ 6.50	13 to 17	\$ 7.00	\$ 2,168.50
Adult	\$ 9.00	18 to 59	\$ 9.50	\$ 4,734.00
Senior	\$ 7.00	60+	\$ 7.50	\$ 566.00
Senior+	FREE	75+	FREE	FREE
Family	\$ 20.00	Max. of 5 family members in household (max 2 ages 18-74)	\$ 21.00	\$ 4,571.00
			TOTAL	\$ 26,039.00
Punch Passes	Rate	Notes	Proposed Increase	Added Revenue (based on 2025)
Track	\$ 20.00	10 Admissions	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,960.00
Toddler	\$ 9.00		\$ 18.00	
Child	\$ 45.00		\$ 49.50	
Youth	\$ 49.50		\$ 54.00	
Teen	\$ 58.50		\$ 63.00	
Adult	\$ 81.00		\$ 85.50	
Senior	\$ 63.00		\$ 67.50	
Family	\$ 180.00		\$ 189.00	\$ 54.00
Monthly Memberships*	Rate	Notes	Proposed Increase	Added Revenue (based on 2025)
Child	\$ 26.25		\$ 28.88	
Youth	\$ 28.88		\$ 31.50	
Teen	\$ 34.13		\$ 36.75	

Adult	\$ 47.25	admissions per	\$ 49.88	
Senior	\$ 36.75	age category.	\$ 39.38	
Family	\$ 105.00		\$ 110.25	\$ 91.50
Annual Memberships*	Rate	Notes	Proposed Increase	Added Revenue (based on 2025)
Child	\$ 262.50		\$ 288.80	
Youth	\$ 288.75	10 x the	\$ 315.00	
Teen	\$ 341.25	monthly	\$ 367.50	
Adult	\$ 472.50	membership	\$ 498.80	
Senior	\$ 367.50	rate per age	\$ 393.80	
Family	\$ 1,050.00	category.	\$ 1,102.50	\$ 4,147.50
Child Minding	Rate	Notes	Proposed Increase	Added Revenue (based on 2025)
One Child (per half hour)	\$ 3.00	10 hour punch	\$ 3.25	\$ 142.75
Family (per half hour)	\$ 5.00	cards are	\$ 5.50	\$ 138.00
One Child (10 hour punch pass)	\$ 54.00	based on 9	\$ 58.50	\$ 441.00
Family (10 hour punch pass)	\$ 90.00	hours of use.	\$ 99.00	\$ 369.00
*Note: When purchasing a monthly or annual family membership, an additional child, youth or teen can be added to the family at a discount of 50% from a regular, child, youth or teen membership of the same membership type.			TOTAL	\$ 1,090.75

DEFINITIONS	
Local	Individuals/businesses who pay their taxes to either the Town of Blackfalds or Lacombe County.
Non-Local	Individuals/businesses who do not pay their taxes to the Town of Blackfalds or Lacombe County.
Local Non-Profit	Registered non-profit organizations based in Blackfalds or Lacombe County with a mailing address in either municipality and where a minimum of 80% of participants reside in Blackfalds or Lacombe County (not including other Towns or Cities in Lacombe County).
Regional Rate	Registered non-profit organizations based within 100 kilometres of Blackfalds where a minimum of 10% of participants reside in Blackfalds or Lacombe County (not including Towns or Cities in Lacombe County).
Junior Hockey Rate	Rental rate for use by the Blackfalds Bulldogs Jr. A Hockey Club
Partial Weekend Rate	Rental period of Friday at 6:00 pm to Sunday at 6:00 pm at Meeting Room 1 (Community Centre)
	Rental period of Friday at 6:00 pm to Saturday at 10:00 pm at the Abbey Centre
	Rental period of Friday at 6:00 pm to Sunday at 12:00 am at the Main Hall and Multipurpose Room at the Community Centre and Banquet Room (EBC)
Full Weekend Rate	Rental period of Friday at 6:00 pm to Sunday at 12:00 pm at the Community Centre and Banquet Room (EBC)
	Rental period of Friday at 6:00 pm to Sunday at 6:00 pm at the Abbey Centre
	Rental period of Friday at 12:00 pm to Sunday at 6:00 pm at Sterling Industries Sports Park and the Ag Room, Performance Room and Dry Floor Arena at the EBC
Extended Weekend Rate	Rental period of Friday at 12:00 pm to Monday at 6:00 pm at Sterling Industries Sports Park

ADDITIONAL FEES/CHARGES		
Lost Key	cost to re-key the building	The addition to this
Lost Fob	\$25.00	
Damage Fee	\$50.00/hour plus supplies	
Clean Up Fee	\$75.00/hour	
Late Fee	\$50.00/half hour	

Non-Refundable Booking Fee	\$300.00	section is the maximum stay per user - 7 nights per user (consecutively) over the course of 30 days
Com. Centre Stage Setup Fee	\$15/stage panel (max. 6 panels)	
Sound System Fee (Arena, Community Centre)	\$50.00	
Non-alcohol Event Damage Deposit*	\$300.00	
Alcohol Event Damage Deposit	\$500 (excl. Abbey Centre)	
Campground Maximum Stay	Maximum stay of 7 nights per user (consecutively) over the course of 30 days	
*Note: The Non-alcohol Event Damage Deposit applies to all facilities excluding the Abbey Centre except for 2/3 Field House Gym and Full-use Field House Gym rentals.		

Facility Rental Rate Review			May 15, 2026
Abbey Centre Daily 7am-10pm Partial Weekend Friday 6-10pm, Saturday 7am-10pm Full Weekend Friday 12-10pm, Saturday 7am-10pm and Sunday 7am-6pm			
	Local	Non-Local	Local Non-Profit
Program Room	\$35/hr \$280/day \$560/full weekend	\$42/hr \$336/day \$672/full weekend	\$21/hr \$168/day \$336/full weekend
Fitness Studio 1	\$45/hr \$360/day	\$54/hr \$432/day	\$27/hr \$216/day
Fitness Studio 2	\$35/hr \$280/day \$560/full weekend	\$42/hr \$336/day \$672/full weekend	\$21/hr \$168/day \$336/full weekend
1/3 Field House	\$45/hr \$360/day \$720/full weekend	\$54/hr \$432/day \$864/full weekend	\$27/hr \$216/day \$432/full weekend
2/3 Field House	\$85/hr \$680/day \$1,360/full weekend	\$102/hr \$816/day \$1,632/full weekend	\$51/hr \$408/day \$816/full weekend
Full Field House	\$850/day \$1,105/partial weekend \$1,700/full weekend	\$1,020/day \$1,326/partial weekend \$2,040/full weekend	\$510/day \$663/partial weekend \$1,020/full weekend
Amphitheatre	\$21/hr \$168/day \$336/full weekend	\$25.20/hr \$201.60/day \$403.20/full weekend	\$12.60/hr \$100.80/day \$201.60/full weekend
RED DEER			
	Small Up to 20 ppl	Medium 20-40 ppl	Large 40-80ppl
Meeting Rooms	\$42.10/hr	\$63.15/hr	\$84.20/hr

RED DEER - COLLICUTT			
	Local Youth	Local Adult	Non-Resident
Field House Per court	\$34/hr	\$56.70/hr	\$73.70/hr

RED DEER - DAWE			
	Local Youth	Local Adult	Non-Resident
Gymnasium per court	\$26.50/hr	\$44.25/hr	\$57.50/hr

LACOMBE MEMORIAL CENTRE

Lacombe County Room South	- 48 Banquet Seating 60 - Row Seating or 6 Round Tables, Podium, Microphone & Projector Buffet tables in the hallway	Partial Day \$186.69 8 am - 5 pm OR 5:30 pm - 1 am	Partial Day \$158.21 8 am - 5 pm OR 5:30 pm - 1 am
		Full Day \$277.39 8 am - 1 am (17 hours)	Partial Day \$238.37 8 am - 1 am (17 hours)
		Hourly (min. 2 hours) \$52.74/hr	Hourly (min. 2 hours) \$41.13/hr
		Promo (min. 2 hours) \$30.59/hr Monday - Thursday starting at 5 pm	Promo (min. 2 hours) \$25.31/hr Monday - Thursday starting at 5 pm

NEXSOURCE - SYLVAN LAKE						
	Local Youth Hourly	Local Youth daily (8 hrs)	Local Hourly	Local Daily (8hrs)	Nonlocal Hourly	Nonlocal Daily (8 hrs)

Strategis Group multipurpose room 1	- 1,064 square feet - Accommodates up to 80 people banquet style, or 92 people lecture style.	\$45.61/hr one room	\$310.69 one room	\$76.01/hr one room	\$511.32 one room	\$91.20/hr one room	\$613.76 one room
Strategis Group multipurpose room 2	- 1,148 square feet - Accommodates up to 80 people banquet style, or 92 people lecture style.	\$25.59/hr Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$153.36 Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$43.06/hr Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$255.77 Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$51.69/hr Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$306.94 Two or three rooms (add for each)
Strategis Group multipurpose room 3	- 1,940 square feet - Accommodates up to 96 people banquet style, or 135 people lecture style.						

SYLVAN LAKE WELLNESS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTRE				
		Local Youth	Local	Non- Local
Gymnasium	Day Rate (8 hrs)	\$208.67	\$347.78	417.33
	Hourly Rate	\$31.35/hr	\$52.19/hr	\$62.58/hr
SYLVAN LAKE - MULTI CAMPUS				
	Local Youth	Local	Non-Local	
1 st Gymnasium Per Hour	\$29.26/hr	\$50.65/hr	\$61.90/hr	
2 nd or 3 rd Gymnasium Per Hour	\$14.60/hr	\$25.88/hr	\$29.26/hr	
1 st Gymnasium Per Day	\$354.54	\$590.89	\$709.07	
2 nd or 3 rd Gymnasium Per Day	\$177.83	\$296.01	\$354.54	
INNISFAIL				
		Adult	Youth	Non-Resident
École Innisfail Middle School	Gym #4	\$69/hr	\$41.41/hr	\$86.25/hr
Innisfail Jr./Sr. High School	Gathering Area	\$33/hr	\$19.80/hr	\$41.25/hr
	Gym #1	\$32/hr	\$19.20/hr	\$10/hr
	Gym #2	\$54/hr	\$32.40/hr	\$67.50/hr
	Gym #3	\$84/hr	\$50.40/hr	\$105/hr
PENHOLD REGIONAL MULTIPLEX				
Club Room	\$39/hr			
Lounge	\$39/hr			
Meeting Room 2	\$29/hr			
Gymnasium	\$59/hr YOUTH	\$69/hr Adult		
OLDS - JEANS PLACE				
Jean’s Place is an ideal space for a children’s program, workshops or board meetings. This space holds up to 40 people, making it a popular choice for parties or family gatherings.	Local \$30/hr	Non-Local 30/hr		Local Non-Profit FREE

OLDS - RALPH KLIEN CENTRE				
	Mon-Thur	Additional /hr	Fri-Sun	Additional /hr
OHS Commons	\$400	\$50/hr	\$400	\$50/hr
Multipurpose Rooms each	\$350	\$50/hr	\$350	\$50/hr
Gymnasium Court each	\$500 per court for a 8 hour block	\$50/hr	\$500 per court for a 8 hour block	\$50/hr
Classrooms/Boardrooms	\$350	\$50/hr	\$350	\$50/hr
Genesis Place - Airdrie				
	Prime Time	Non-Prime Time	Youth Prime Time	
Gymnasium - Full	\$121/hr	\$99.75/hr	\$108.75/hr	
Gymnasium - Half	\$60.50/hr	\$49.88/hr		
Field House - Full (1/2)	\$197.50/hr	\$151.25/hr	\$179.50/hr	
Field Houe - Partial	\$65.83/hr	\$50.42/hr		
Dance Studio	\$45.75 - anytime			
Studio Rentals	\$45.75 - anytime			
Servus Place - St. Albert				
Party Room	\$53/hr			
Gym Court	\$80/hr			
Field House	\$137/hr			
Booster Juice Recreation Centre - Edmonton				
Meeting Room 1	363 square feet	20-person capacity	\$56/hr	
Meeting Rom 2	304 square feet	20-person capacity	\$56/hr	
Meeting Room 3	387 square feet	20-person capacity	\$56/hr	
Meeting Room 4	1150 square feet	50-person capacity	\$74/hr	
Meeting Room 5	768 square feet	35-person capacity	\$74/hr	
Meeting Room 6	2800 square feet	120-person capacity	\$91/hr	
Training Studio	880 square feet	14-16-person capacity	\$67.50/hr	

Gymnasium	Adult \$103.70/hr	Minor \$51.85/hr	
Westside Recreation Centre - Calgary			
Gymnasium - Full	\$125/hr		
Gymnasium - Half	\$85/hr		
Panorama Hills - Calgary			
Program Centre	100-person capacity	\$65/hr	
Okotoks Recreation Centre			
Gymnasium - Youth/senior local non-profit weekday/last minute WEEKDAY		\$32/hr	
Gymnasium - Youth/senior local non-profit WEEKEND/Statutory Holiday		\$65.75/hr	
Gymnasium - Adult local non-profit WEEKDAY		\$45.75/hr	
Gymnasium - Adult local non-profit WEEKEND/Statutory Holiday		\$76/hr	
Meeting Rooms- Small local/non-profit/last minute		\$19.25/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Small local social		\$31.75/hr	
Meeting Rooms- Small non-local/commercial/for-profit		\$48.25/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Medium local/non-profit/last minute		\$25.50/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Medium local social		\$39.75/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Medium non-local/commercial/for-profit		\$56/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Large local/non-profit/last minute		\$38.25/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Large local social		\$59.75/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Large non-local/commercial/for-profit		\$84.25/hr	

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2026
PREPARED BY: Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager
PRESENTED BY: Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager
SUBJECT: **Proposed Thrifty Thursday Discount Program - 2027**

BACKGROUND

In March 2022, the Abbey Centre launched a promotional discount program that offers a variety of discounts across different areas of the facility to showcase its services and programs. These discounts are available on the first Thursday of each month and are promoted through in-house advertising, the Abbey Centre newsletter, and social media channels.

DISCUSSION

Several promotional offerings, such as membership discounts and prize draws, have been well received by members and guests, while others have generated limited interest. Based on a review of promotional activities and participation trends from 2022 to 2026, Administration has developed a proposed schedule of discounts for 2027. The proposed discounts are intended to provide value to members and guests while supporting key programming initiatives and events, including Youth Week and Seniors Week.

RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends continuing the Thrifty Thursday program in 2027 to support community access to affordable recreation opportunities while promoting Abbey Centre memberships, programs, services, and special events.

ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed Thrifty Thursday 2027



Thrifty Thursday's - 1st Thursday of each month

Proposed for 2027

Jan 7 – Enter to win a free fitness assessment and workout program based on that assessment

Feb 4 – Lucky Tweekie Thursday \$2 admission and entered to win a monthly membership

Mar 4 – buy 5 personal training sessions and get the 6th one complimentary

Apr 1 – 2 for 1 day admissions

May 6 – 10% off child, youth, teen monthly memberships (limit of 1 for each child, youth or teen in account) YOUTH WEEK

June 3 – For any purchase (any value) by a senior they are eligible to enter their name to win a Senior's gift basket (value \$100) SENIORS WEEK

July 1 – 10% off any punch pass (limit of 1 per account)

Aug 5 – Spin the Wheel (10% off, free day pass, coupon for coffee, free locker rental)

Sept 2 – 10% off a monthly membership (1 per person/family)

Oct 7 – Enter to win annual locker rental (\$100 value)

Nov 4 – Win your purchase back (limit adult annual value). Value of purchase to be received on an Abbey Centre gift card

Dec 2- Purchase a gift card for \$50 and get another \$10 gift card free (limit of 5)

Reporting Period: June to August 2026

Attendance and Membership

- Summer Pass sales increased substantially, with 325 passes sold compared to 261 in 2025.
- July attendance and member check-ins increased by nearly 3,000 visits compared to July 2025, largely due to improved summer weather conditions.
- The Aquatic Centre experienced numerous days in July and August operating at or near capacity, with waitlists required during peak attendance periods.
- Multiple school groups, camps, and community organizations utilized the facility throughout the summer including many groups exceeding 100 participants.

Programs and Services

- Camp Curious successfully launched its summer season and enjoyed field trips to Discovery Canyon, Alberta Sports Hall of Fame, The Gutter and local businesses.
- Swim lesson programs continued throughout the summer, achieving fill rates ranging from 40% to 64%. Private swim lessons remained highly utilized.
- Summer basketball camps ran July-August and we do have a commitment to run in Summer 2027.
- Planning and development of fall programming and the Fall Program & Activity Guide were completed in preparation for September program launches.

Capital and Infrastructure Initiatives

- Completion of key accessibility and security upgrades included:
 - MAG-lock project installation and wiring.
 - New automatic door installation between the universal changeroom and pool deck.
- Capital support applications were submitted to Lacombe County for:
 - T300e replacement.
 - MAG lock upgrades.
 - Junior Olympic pool tarp replacement.
- Stantec completed a structural condition assessment of the facility's glulam beams, helping advance planning for future repairs (proposed Capital project 2027).
- Review and modernization planning commenced for more than 40 facility evacuation plans and emergency signage.

Maintenance and Equipment

- Continued maintenance efforts included:

- Building exterior power washing.
- Solar panel inverter repairs.
- Ongoing pool boiler repairs.
- Green waterslide pump replacement and reactivation.
- Storm cleanup activities following severe weather restored landscaping and repaired site damage.

Health, Safety and Risk Management

- Occupational Health and Safety inspections identified only one minor deficiency, which was corrected immediately.
- Monthly Joint Health and Safety Committee meetings and facility-wide inspections were completed throughout the reporting period.
- Hazard identification training was provided to all seasonal staff.
- Alberta Health Services compliance requirements related to aquatic facilities were successfully addressed and verified.
- Staff appropriately managed several operational incidents, including:
 - Air-quality related facility adjustments.
 - Youth behaviour concerns.
 - An intoxicated patron requiring RCMP assistance.
 - A false panic alarm activation.

Staffing and Human Resources

- Recruitment efforts included:
 - Day Camp Leaders.
 - Children's Services Attendant I.
 - Guest Services Representative term positions.
- Staff onboarding, training, and seasonal evaluations were completed successfully for summer employees.
- Lifeguard Appreciation Day was recognized to celebrate aquatic staff contributions.
- Summer staff appreciation events and birthday/anniversary recognitions contributed to positive staff engagement.

Community Partnerships and Engagement

- The facility supported Senior's Week programming in partnership with FCSS.
- The Abbey Centre served as a host venue for:
 - Various Blackfalds Days activities: Arm Wrestling, Church service, Toonie Swim.
 - Volleyball clinic.

- Community meetings, birthday parties and special events.
 - Summer Staff Windup BBQ
- A new three-year Food & Beverage Agreement was finalized with Twerdo Holdings Ltd., ensuring continued Food Services through May 2029.
- The facility participated in a regional promotion through the Sunny 94's Summer Directory campaign.

Financial and Strategic Planning

- Budget planning activities continued throughout the reporting period, including development of business and staffing cases for the 2027 budget cycle.
- Funding requests to Lacombe County were submitted to support the continuation of Camp Curious programming in 2027.

Looking Ahead

Priority areas for Fall 2026 include:

- Launch of fall recreation and fitness programming.
- Completion of evacuation plan updates.
- Continued monitoring and repair of facility mechanical systems.
- Recruitment and onboarding for vacant positions.
- Completion of The 100 display update.

Parks & Facilities Update

July - September 2026

Parks

- Seasonal labours (11 staff) completed their terms on August 28.
 - We had a great seasonal team this year. They all worked well together and we are anticipating fire returnees for 2027.
- Parks team supported the Bike Skills Park for the Jump Jam held on Saturday, Aug 15.
- Started pulling down some hanging baskets due to aphids.

Facilities – Building Maintenance

- Facility Maintenance team supported Abbey Pool operations as required.
- We are going to have our third Building Maintenance Operator join the team at the end of September.
- Supported Rural Crime Watch BBQ on Aug 26.
- Supported Blackfalds Block Party on Aug 28.
- Supported arena ice making with Facilities-Sports team.

Projects

- Tennis/Pickleball Court renovation project completed.
- Community Centre Vestibule and Entry Door project completed.
- Two-door cooler for Community Hall kitchen received.

Due to the postponing of the Community Centre Lighting and Asphalt project, which included a pararamp at the east side access to the Multi-Purpose Room, the Public Works team completed a temporary asphalt pararamp.

Prepared Budget information for 2027 Capital and Operations Projects review:

- Community Centre Asphalt, Concrete, and Lighting Project
- Tayles Playground Asphalt Trail and Border Replacement
- Mobile Equipment – Toolcat and Spreader Replacement
- Womacks Trail Repair and Realignment
- Morris Court/Palmer Circle MR Landscaping
- Tennis/Pickleball Court Landscaping
- Rolling Hills Playground Border and Sand
- Tennis/Pickleball Court Windscreen and West Fence Adjustment
- Playground Wear Mats

Eagle Builders Centre & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update

September 2, 2026

Events

- Blackfalds Days (June 19-21) was a successful community celebration. The weather cooperated for the Friday night fireworks, and the parade wrapped up moments before the rain started. The Pancake Breakfast generated nearly \$1,000 in proceeds, the parade was nearly at its 40-entry limit, and Youth Night Out and Kidzone continued to be very popular. The Cabaret Saturday night at the EBC had lower attendance than hoped
- The Canada Day celebration was well attended, with Tayles Spray Park filled with local families enjoying a variety of games, music, and free activities throughout the afternoon
- July 3-5 weekend saw the successful hosting of both the Senior C Lacrosse Provincials (8 teams) and the U13 Softball Tournament (16 teams), with the two events taking place simultaneously and drawing participants and spectators from across the province to the community.
- Sterling Industries Sports Park ball diamond preparation and maintenance supported three major Softball Provincial tournaments on the three following weekends: U15 (20 teams) on July 10-12, U17-19 Girls (20 teams) on July 17-19, and the Ladies Softball Provincials (29 teams) on July 23-26. Despite significant rainfall throughout the season, and in some ways because of it, the diamonds are in exceptional condition and present exceptionally well
- The Summer Culture Series featured five Thursday evening events, including circus acts, zoo experiences, and magic shows, attracting more than 1,000 residents who enjoyed the free family-friendly entertainment
- 2026 Ladies Fast Pitch Nationals returned to Blackfalds following the success of 2024 event which was Blackfalds first time hosting a National Championship. 8 teams competed over 5 days with large crowds coming out to see the playoffs on the weekend
- Immediately following Nationals, The Keg held their annual slo pitch tournament with teams from 18 different locations competing over 3 days, this year was their 19th year playing at Sterling Industries Sports Park
- Sterling Industries Sports Park hosted the Blackfalds Slo-Pitch League Year-End Tournament on August 14-15, while Jump Jam took place at the Parallax Energy Bike Skills Park. A special thank you goes to Jayson and the Parks team for their hard work in preparing the park and ensuring safe riding conditions for all participants. Hands Up Entertainment presented three thrilling big-air shows that captivated spectators, featuring some of the province's top riders performing flips and other extreme aerial tricks. During the same weekend, the Banquet Room hosted an arm wrestling competition that attracted athletes from across Western Canada and the United States. The featured matches were streamed live online through a pay-per-view broadcast.

Eagle Builders Centre & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update

September 2, 2026

- The Bunnock event scheduled for August 21-23 did not proceed, as organizers made the decision to cancel following lower-than-anticipated registration numbers.

Facilities

- The cement slab for the new Ice plant skid was prepped and poured in the ice plant room the week of July 6. The new Ice plant skid was delivered and placed into the ice plant room. Tie-in work also started July 13th. It was pressure tested August 5th. This involved Organization-wide teamwork as it involved the Evacuation of homes surrounding the Eagle Builders Centre, the activation of an emergency reception centre for displaced citizens, Bylaw, Public Works, Mar Com, Facilities, FCSS, were all in communication and planning which ran as smoothly as we could have hoped for. The Arena 2 ice plant had issues over the August 15 weekend, it took until Wednesday the 19th to get the problem sorted out, during that time the dehumidifier also went down, and we were waiting for parts until August 26th. Ice making began August 24th. Q & Q was called to provide pricing to build permanent fence around new Ice Plant Condenser.
- Arena 2 Sprinkler system work was completed over the August 15-16 weekend by Central Alberta Fire. After the main line over the ice slab failed numerous times, we asked Council for Emergency funds to replace the line over the ice surface. The remainder of the Arena 2 Fire suppression sprinkler system will be replaced in 2027 if approved by Council
- Met with Parks and Facilities Manager, Facilities Foreman and Sports & Events Coordinator to discuss porta-potty usage and placement next year for sports fields and parks
- First drafts of the 2027 Capital Project and Staffing Business Cases were gone through with Director Community Services. Continue discussing items/projects with staff and gathering quotes.
- Tender documents for the Sterling Industries Sports Park Baseball Diamond were released with a closing date for submissions being August 27, 2026
- The new Score Clock at the Football Field was tested and is now operational.
- Town of Chestermere Representatives, along with Eagle Builders Reps, were in town for a Tour of the Eagle Builders Centre
- Eagle Builders Centre had a Facility Inspection completed this week and passed with flying colors. The facility is very well maintained, cleaned, organized and taken care of by staff. It is evident that the staff take great pride in the facility.

Staff

- Edited and Reviewed Sports and Events positions Job Descriptions and sent to HR
- Summer Events Assistant started May 26 and finished Aug 28– this position was shared between Sports & Events and Economic Development

Eagle Builders Centre & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update

September 2, 2026

- Derek Starnes, Sports & Events Manager started June 22
- Haleisha Stewart resigned and her last day was August 26
- Niko Prechel has accepted a position with Parks and Facilities and will transfer over once Ice is in and both new staff, who will replace Niko and Haleisha, have been trained.
- Posted Facility Operator I position opening with a closing date of Augst 27, 2026