

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Marina Appel, Town of Blackfalds Councillor  
Barb Shepherd, Lacombe County Representative  
Jill Bried, Public at Large  
Kayla Marquis, Public at Large  
Trent Kroetsch, Public at Large

## OTHERS ATTENDING

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services  
Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager  
Jeff Heindel, Parks and Facilities Manager

## REGRETS

Laura Svab, Town of Blackfalds Councillor  
Louise Rellis, Public at Large  
Kristy Lawrence, Public at Large

## WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

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

Member Kroetsch 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 Six territory.

## PRESENTATIONS

None

## BUSINESS

### Minutes

Member Shepherd moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Minutes from September 4, 2024 as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Rental Damage Deposits

Administration presented a proposal of increasing the damage deposit rate for non-alcohol related events from \$100 to \$300 and adding damage deposits to 2/3 and full Field House rentals. This would be part of the rate review process.

**MINUTES**

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Member Appel moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council that the damage deposit fee for non-alcohol based events be raised from \$100 to \$300. Furthermore, that the Abbey Centre commence collection of a \$300 damage deposit in the event of a 2/3 or full field house booking.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Pet Cemetery**

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board considered the option of adding a designated pet memorial area at the cemetery.

Member Shepherd moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to provide a pet memorial area within the existing cemetery.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Abbey Centre Update**

- Manager Simpson presented the monthly highlights

**Parks and Facilities Update**

- Manager Heindel presented the monthly highlights

**Light Up Blackfalds**

Member Appel had asked questions related to the plans for this year's event and commented that we double the amount of hot chocolate for the event. Also suggested putting up lights at the Plaza.

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

Chair Bried adjourned the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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Jill Bried, Chair

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Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services