

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ATTENDING

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager

REGRETS

Laura Svab, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Trent Kroetsch, Public at Large
Louise Rellis, Public at Large
Jeff Heindel, Parks and Facilities Manager

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bried welcomed all attending and called the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Member Marquis moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Agenda as presented.

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 April 3, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant Policy

- Director Kreklewich presented the draft Community Initiatives Grant Policy to the Board.
- The Board discussed the Policy and made the following recommendations.
 - Remove the question of the initiative being accessible for everyone and instead ask what does it cost to attend the event.

- Lowering the maximum application amount to \$2,500.
- Add items for resale (including food) as an ineligible expense
- Provide a deadline in mid-April for the grant program.

Disc Golf Course Proposal

- Director Kreklewich presented the proposed layout of the disc golf course. The Board asked that Administration bring back other options as the current layout is close to backyards and disjointed.
- Administration would also reach out to Strathmore to see if they have issues with discs ending up in backyards.

Ice Rates Information

- Director Kreklewich presented rates from surrounding communities in relation to regional non-profit use of arena ice. The Board discussed the rates and felt as though our rates are comparable and fair. The rate review will take place in September and an hourly regional non-profit rate will not be presented.

Community Initiatives Grant – Optimist Club of Blackfalds

- This grant will be revisited following more discussion on a location for the disc golf course.

LiveBarn

- Director Kreklewich presented the LiveBarn option for both arenas. LiveBarn streams activities happening in our arenas to people who sign up for a subscription. Equipment setup will be provided by LiveBarn and there will be no costs associated to the Town.

Abbey Centre Update

- Manager Simpson presented the monthly highlights

Parks and Facilities Update

- Director Kreklewich presented the monthly highlights

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

Chair Bried adjourned the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board Meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Jill Bried, Chair

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Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services