

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Svab, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Barb Shepherd, Lacombe County Representative
Jill Bried, Public at Large
Trent Kroetsch, Public at Large
Kristy Lawrence, Public at Large
Kayla Marquis, Public at Large
Louise Rellis, Public at Large

OTHERS ATTENDING

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Jeff Heindel, Parks and Facilities Manager

REGRETS

Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager
Marina Appel, Town of Blackfalds Councillor

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Jill Bried welcomed all attending and called the Recreation, Parks and Culture Board Meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Member Svab 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

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Member Shepherd moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommends that Council adopt the Minutes from January 3, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lacombe Ringette Letter

The Recreation, Parks and Culture Board reviewed a letter that Administration had received from the Lacombe Ringette Letter.

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- In the letter it stated that 25% of registrants are from Blackfalds and 13% are from Lacombe County.
- The Lacombe Ringette is requesting consideration for the local non-profit rate.
- Discussed their current rate that they pay and what our local non-profit organizations pay.
- Demand for ice time in Blackfalds is high and it is expected that our local non-profit organizations will see more growth in upcoming years.
- Consideration to create a lower the rate for regional minor sports organizations and bring a proposal back to the RCP Board for further review.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board discussed options for the future development of an outdoor fitness park.

- The Town was unsuccessful in receiving funding from Alberta Blue Cross Built Together program.
- Consideration for future budget, would be static equipment and could be setup in a pod type of layout along a trail.
- Possible locations for the park was discussed but not determined.
- Could survey residents through the Abbey Centre newsletter.

Community Initiatives Grant – Red Deer Ladies Fastball Association

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board reviewed the application provided by the Red Deer Ladies Fastball Association to host the 2024 Women's Canadian Fast Pitch Championships.

Member Shepherd moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to consider the Community Initiatives Grant request for \$5,000 from the Red Deer Ladies Fastball Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Winterfest Event

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board reviewed the event poster and activities being provided as part of Winterfest for 2024. One error on the poster was noticed.

Abbey Centre Update

- Manager Simpson presented the monthly highlights

Parks and Facilities Update

- Manager Heindel reviewed monthly highlights

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

Chair Bried adjourned the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board Meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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-Original Signed-

Jill Bried, Chair

-Original Signed-

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services