

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS RECREATION, CULTURE & PARKS BOARD

Tayles Board Room – Civic Cultural Center – 5018 Waghorn Street
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Welcome to the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting – October 2, 2024
 - 1.2 Call to Order
 - 1.3 Approval of Agenda
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2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 2.1 Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement - Blackfalds Recreation, Culture and Parks Board acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footprints have marked these lands for centuries.
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3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. BUSINESS

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes from September 4, 2024
 - 4.2 Rental Damage Deposits
 - 4.3 Pet Cemetery
 - 4.4 Abbey Centre Update
 - 4.5 Parks & Facilities Update
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5. CONFIDENTIAL

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ATTENDING

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

REGRETS

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

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bried welcomed all attending and called the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Member Shepherd 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 Rellis moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Minutes from June 5, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Thrifty Thursdays 2025

Administration presented the promotional options for Thrifty Thursdays for 2025 to the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board for review.

Local Non-Profit Sports Fields Rates

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board reviewed the rates for our sports fields. Administration will approach the Associations affected to discuss the change from the per player fee to an hourly rental rate.

Abbey Centre Update

- Manager Simpson presented the monthly highlights

Parks and Facilities Update

- Manager Heindel presented the monthly highlights

Board Member Extensions

Administration is currently conducting an audit on our Boards and Committees. Part of the proposed changes would be to extend each member to December 31st of each year of their term. In the past, terms would expire after the Organizational Meeting in October.

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

Chair Bried adjourned the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Jill Bried, Chair

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2024
PREPARED BY: Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager
PRESENTED BY: Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager
SUBJECT: **Rental Damage Deposits**

BACKGROUND

Damage Deposits currently are collected at the time of booking in either the amount of \$100 for non-alcohol based events or \$500 for alcohol based events for facility rentals other than the Abbey Centre.

These fees are held in trust until there is confirmation that no damage occurred, no extra cleaning was required or additional rental time was used. In the event that any or all of the aforementioned things happened, a portion in whole or in part is then withheld at the discretion of the Parks & Facilities Manager to cover the appropriate cost(s).

The full or remaining portion of the damage deposit is then processed by Guest Services every Tuesday and sent to Corporate Services for refund payment. In the event of a regular renter, and with their consent, their damage deposit is withheld to help minimize the amount of times that collection, redemption and refunding of the damage deposit payment is made between the renter and the Town of Blackfalds.

DISCUSSION

At this point it is felt that the \$100 damage deposit for non-alcohol based events is insufficient if the need arises to recover costs of damage, extra cleaning or additional rental time used. \$100 is nominal in consideration of staff time needed and cost of potential repairs and/or cleaning. Historically, it has also proven difficult to collect additional fees if the charges do exceed the damage deposit on file. Often, if additional charges are levied against the renter, the fees sit outstanding for long periods of time and/or creates a point of conflict for Guest Services staff when trying to collect those fees prior to allowing further rentals.

Additionally, at present, the Abbey Centre does not collect damage deposits at the direction of Corporate Services. It is felt that in the event of 2/3 and full field house bookings that a \$300 damage deposit should be collected to protect the interests of the facility. Rentals of this nature see hundreds to thousands of users and visitors during each rental period which exponentially increases the chance of damage or theft of equipment within the facility.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Marginal increase in staff time to collect and to refund back damage deposits if collected for Abbey Centre field house bookings.

RECOMMENDATION

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.

ALTERNATIVES

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 only.

ATTACHMENTS

- *Bylaw 1293.23 – Schedule C – Community Services Facilities Fee Schedule*

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF BLACKFALDS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO AMEND THE RATE BYLAW 1053/07 TO CHARGE FOR VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

A Bylaw of the Town of Blackfalds, in the Province of Alberta, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act being chapter M-26.1 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 and amendments thereto, to provide for amendments to Bylaw 1053/07, known as the Rate Bylaw of the Town of Blackfalds.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary and expedient to amend Bylaw 1053/07.

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Town of Blackfalds, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

THAT Bylaw 1053/07 - Schedule "C" – Community Services Facilities Fee Schedule is hereby amended by this Bylaw.

PART 1 - TITLE

1.1 That this Bylaw shall be cited as the "**Schedule "C" – Community Services Facilities Fee Schedule**".

1.2 That Appendix A, attached to this Bylaw, shall form part of this Bylaw.

PART 2 - REPEAL

2.1 That Bylaw 1273.23 is hereby repealed upon this Bylaw coming into effect.

PART 3 - DATE OF FORCE

3.1 That this Bylaw shall come into effect upon the date on which it is finally read and passed.

READ for the first time this 24th day of October, A.D. 2023.

(RES. 369/23)

-Original Signed-

MAYOR JAMIE HOOVER

-Original Signed-

CAO KIM ISAAK

READ for the second time this 24th day of October, A.D.2023.

(RES. 370/23)

-Original Signed-

MAYOR JAMIE HOOVER

-Original Signed-

CAO KIM ISAAK

READ for the third and final time this 24th day of October, A.D. 2023.

(RES. 372/23)

-Original Signed-

MAYOR JAMIE HOOVER

-Original Signed-

CAO KIM ISAAK

Bylaw 1293.23 - Appendix A
Schedule "C" - Community Services Facilities Fee Schedule

FACILITY - COMMUNITY CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes	2023	2023	2023
					Local	Non-Local	Local Non-Profit
Main Hall							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 65.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 39.00	\$20 more than the Banquet Rm. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 1.5 x day rate.	\$ 62.00	\$ 74.40	\$ 37.20
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 520.00	\$ 624.00	\$ 312.00		\$ 496.00	\$ 595.20	\$ 297.60
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 780.00	\$ 936.00	\$ 468.00		\$ 744.00	\$ 892.80	\$ 446.40
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 546.00		\$ 868.00	\$ 1,041.60	\$ 520.80
Multipurpose Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	Comparable to Banquet Room amount. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 1.5 x day rate.	\$ 41.50	\$ 49.80	\$ 24.90
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00		\$ 332.00	\$ 398.40	\$ 199.20
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 540.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 324.00		\$ 498.00	\$ 597.60	\$ 298.80
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 630.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 378.00		\$ 581.00	\$ 697.20	\$ 348.60
Main Hall & Multipurpose Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 81.25	\$ 97.50	\$ 48.75	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.	\$ 77.00	\$ 92.40	\$ 46.20
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 650.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 390.00		\$ 616.00	\$ 739.20	\$ 369.60
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 585.00		\$ 924.00	\$ 1,108.80	\$ 554.40
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,137.50	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 682.50		\$ 1,078.00	\$ 1,293.60	\$ 646.80
Meeting Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	Comparable to Program Room, Performance Room and Fitness Studio 2	\$ 31.00	\$ 37.20	\$ 18.60
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00		\$ 248.00	\$ 297.60	\$ 148.80
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00		\$ 496.00	\$ 595.20	\$ 297.60

FACILITY - EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes	2023	2023	2023
					Local	Non-Local	Local Non-Profit
Banquet Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	Comparable to Multipurpose Room amount. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 1.5 x day rate.	\$ 41.50	\$ 49.80	\$ 24.90
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00		\$ 332.00	\$ 398.40	\$ 199.20
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 540.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 324.00		\$ 498.00	\$ 597.60	\$ 298.80
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 630.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 378.00		\$ 581.00	\$ 697.20	\$ 348.60
Performance Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	Comparable to Program Room, Community Centre Meeting Room and Fitness Studio 2	\$ 31.00	\$ 37.20	\$ 18.60
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00		\$ 248.00	\$ 297.60	\$ 148.80
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00		\$ 496.00	\$ 595.20	\$ 297.60
Ag. Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 26.00	\$ 31.20	\$ 15.60	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.	\$ 26.00	\$ 31.20	\$ 15.60
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 208.00	\$ 249.60	\$ 124.80		\$ 208.00	\$ 249.60	\$ 124.80
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 416.00	\$ 499.20	\$ 249.60		\$ 416.00	\$ 499.20	\$ 249.60
Ice Rate							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 180.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 108.00	Local = Base Rate, Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate.	\$ 180.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 108.00
Tournament Rate	\$ 153.00	n/a	n/a		\$ 153.00	n/a	n/a
Junior Hockey Rate	\$ 153.00	n/a	n/a	0.85 x the local base rate	\$ 153.00	n/a	n/a
Non-Prime Rate (Weekdays 8 am to 2 pm)	\$ 72.00	n/a	n/a	0.4 x the local base rate	\$ 72.00	n/a	n/a
Dry Floor Arena							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 85.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 51.00	Comparable to 2/3 of Field House. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.	\$ 82.50	\$ 99.00	\$ 49.50
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 680.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 408.00		\$ 660.00	\$ 792.00	\$ 396.00
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 816.00		\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 792.00

FACILITY - STERLING INDUSTRIES SPORTS PARK/COM. GARDEN	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes	2023	2023	2023
					Local	Non-Local	Local Non-Profit
Ball Diamonds							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 12.00	Local = Base Rate, Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate x 3 diamonds.	\$ 15.50	\$ 18.60	\$ 9.30
Daily Rental Rate per Diamond	\$ 160.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 96.00		\$ 124.00	\$ 148.80	\$ 74.40
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,152.00	\$ 576.00		\$ 744.00	\$ 892.80	\$ 446.40
Extended Weekend Rate	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,728.00	\$ 864.00		\$ 1,116.00	\$ 1,339.20	\$ 669.60
Concession Day Rate	\$ 82.50	\$ 99.00	\$ 49.50		\$ 82.50	\$ 99.00	\$ 49.50
Concession Weekend Rate	\$ 247.50	\$ 297.00	\$ 148.50		\$ 247.50	\$ 297.00	\$ 148.50
Campground - Tenting	\$ 10.00				No change from the previous rates		
Campground - Trailer	\$ 20.00						
Soccer Pitches							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 12.00		Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate x 1.5 pitches.	\$ 15.50	\$ 18.60
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 160.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 124.00		\$ 148.80	\$ 74.40
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 480.00	\$ 576.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 372.00		\$ 446.40	\$ 223.20
Minor Baseball/Soccer Player Fee	\$ 11.00	per registered player					\$ 11.00
Community Garden							
Large Garden	\$ 30.00	per garden plot					\$ 30.00
Small Garden	\$ 15.00	per garden plot					\$ 15.00

FACILITY - ABBEY CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes	2023 Local	2023 Non-Local	2023 Local Non-Profit
Servus Program Room							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	Comparable to Community Centre Meeting Room, Performance Room and Fitness Studio 2	\$ 31.00	\$ 37.20	\$ 18.60
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00		\$ 248.00	\$ 297.60	\$ 148.80
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00		\$ 496.00	\$ 595.20	\$ 297.60
Fitness Studio 1							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	\$5 more than Banquet Rm, \$10 more than Fitness Studio 2 & Program Rm.	\$ 41.50	\$ 49.80	\$ 24.90
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00		\$ 332.00	\$ 398.40	\$ 199.20
Fitness Studio 2							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	Comparable to Community Centre Meeting Room, Performance Room and Servus Program Room	\$ 31.00	\$ 37.20	\$ 18.60
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00		\$ 248.00	\$ 297.60	\$ 148.80
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00		\$ 496.00	\$ 595.20	\$ 297.60
1/3 Field House Gym							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.	\$ 41.50	\$ 49.80	\$ 24.90
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00		\$ 332.00	\$ 398.40	\$ 199.20
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 720.00	\$ 864.00	\$ 432.00		\$ 664.00	\$ 796.80	\$ 398.40
2/3 Field House Gym							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 85.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 51.00	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.	\$ 82.50	\$ 99.00	\$ 49.50
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 680.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 408.00		\$ 660.00	\$ 792.00	\$ 396.00
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 816.00		\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 792.00
Full-use Field House Gym							
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00	Day Rate is based on 1.25 x the 2/3 Field House. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.	\$ 825.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 495.00
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 1,326.00	\$ 663.00		\$ 1,072.50	\$ 1,287.00	\$ 643.50
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 1,020.00		\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 990.00
Amphitheatre							
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 21.00	\$ 25.20	\$ 12.60	Day Rate is based on 8 x the hourly rate. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.	\$ 21.00	\$ 25.20	\$ 12.60
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 168.00	\$ 201.60	\$ 100.80		\$ 168.00	\$ 201.60	\$ 100.80
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 336.00	\$ 403.20	\$ 201.60		\$ 336.00	\$ 403.20	\$ 201.60

ABBEY CENTRE MEMBERSHIP/ADMISSIONS

Single Admission	Rate	Notes	
Track	\$ 2.00		No change from the previous rates
Infant	FREE	Under 1	
Toddler	\$ 1.00	1 and 2	
Child	\$ 5.00	3 to 7	
Youth	\$ 5.50	8 to 12	
Teen	\$ 6.50	13 to 17	
Adult	\$ 9.00	18 to 59	
Senior	\$ 7.00	60+	
Senior+	FREE	75+	
Family	\$ 20.00	Max. of 5 family members in household (max 2 ages 18-74)	
Punch Passes	Rate	Notes	
Track	\$ 20.00	10 Admissions	No change from the previous rates
Toddler	\$ 9.00	New Rate	
Child	\$ 45.00	10 admissions for the price of 9 per age category.	
Youth	\$ 49.50		
Teen	\$ 58.50		
Adult	\$ 81.00		
Senior	\$ 63.00		
Family	\$ 180.00		
Monthly Memberships*	Rate	Notes	
Child	\$ 26.25	Equal to the price of 5.25 admissions per age category.	No change from the previous rates
Youth	\$ 28.88		
Teen	\$ 34.13		
Adult	\$ 47.25		
Senior	\$ 36.75		
Family	\$ 105.00		
Annual Memberships*	Rate	Notes	
Child	\$ 262.50	10 x the monthly membership rate per age category.	No change from the previous rates
Youth	\$ 288.75		
Teen	\$ 341.25		
Adult	\$ 472.50		
Senior	\$ 367.50		
Family	\$ 1,050.00		
Child Minding	Rate	Notes	
One Child (per half hour)	\$ 3.00	10 hour punch cards are based on 9 hours of use.	No change from the previous rates
Family (per half hour)	\$ 5.00		
One Child (10 hour punch pass)	\$ 54.00		
Family (10 hour punch pass)	\$ 90.00		

***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.

DEFINITIONS	
Local	Individuals/ businesses who pay their taxes to either the Town of Blackfalds or
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, not including other Towns or Cities in Lacombe County

ADDITIONAL FEES/CHARGES		
Lost Key	cost to re-key the building	No change from the previous rates
Lost Fob	\$25.00	
Damage Fee	\$50.00/hour plus supplies	
Clean Up Fee	\$75.00/hour	
Late Fee	\$50.00/half hour	
Damage Deposit up to	\$500.00	
Non-Refundable Booking Fee	\$300.00	
Com. Centre Stage Setup Fee	\$15/stage panel (max. 6 panels)	
Sound System Fee (Arena, Community Centre)	\$50.00	
Non-alcohol Event Damage Deposit	\$100.00 (excl. Abbey Centre)	
Alcohol Event Damage Deposit	\$500 (excl. Abbey Centre)	

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2024
PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: **Pet Cemetery**

BACKGROUND

While discussing the Cemetery Bylaw at the September 24, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, a question was brought up about whether Administration has considered or heard requests for having a pet cemetery in our town.

DISCUSSION

Administration is looking for direction from the RCP Board on ideas for what a pet cemetery would entail and an ideal location for this initiative.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

Recreation & Culture Board Update – October 2, 2024

- We were fortunate to have nice, hot weather up until the end of our pool season. Last day of operations was Sept 2 with shut down and winterization completed by Sept 12. The last of our summer staff were finished on Sept 20 making it a wrap for another summer season.
- We have experienced some degradation of our Zebron drain coating that was installed by PolyLevel Alberta (now operating as Groundworks) in the fall of 2023. Warranty inquiries are in process.
- Final stats for Camp Curious saw a fill rate of 92 % and a total of 481 meals ordered throughout the summer in our partnership with Sabrina's Pizzeria. We appreciate this partnership and enjoy supporting a local business.
- Child Minding resumed Sept 3 with slightly revised fall hours to accommodate preschool programming which is to start in Oct.
- We were the host facility for a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Tournament Sept 6 & 7 and the Little of This Market on Sept 21 & 22.
- Naomi Delisle has started as our new Facility Monitor and joins us as permanent part time staff after having been part of the Mar/Com team this past summer.
- AEDARSA was here for our biennial elevator inspection on Sept 11
- We did a partial launch/announcement of our Love Heart interactive art display which was fully installed Sept 6. This project was in partnership with Lacombe Composite High School and Comet Welding and has taken several years to materialize. Signage has been designed by the sponsor and sent for production. We have received our Notice of Complete Development Permit Application Submission and await final approval. Projected date of approval is end of October and then sign install to happen shortly thereafter.
- Drop in and fitness classes recommenced Sept 16 and registration is open for Fall 1 and Fall 2 sessions.
- C'amped PD day camp resumed for the 2024/25 school years on Sept 20 with 9 out of 10 spots filled.
- The Abbey Centre Health & Safety Committee did a facility wide inspection Sept 23 and had a meeting Sept 24. We appreciate OH&S Advisor Jamie Michalevich joining us.
- Contractors were onsite Sept 24 for a site review of the Heat Exchanger Tie project for the Hot Tub. Additional parts have been ordered and work should commence next week.
- Longbow Sales was here Sept 25 for a part install on our Field House 2/3 curtain to which we have been having intermittent problems with.

Parks and Facilities monthly report

Recreation, Culture, and Parks Board

October 2, 2024

- Flower Beds and Planters have been cleaned up for the season
- Completed fall fertilizer program
- Tayles Water Spray Park and fireworks trailer winterized
- Picked pumpkins from 2A garden and delivered to Food Bank
- Fall maintenance at Bike Skills Park
- Removed post and cable fence at corner of 2A and Womacks to aid in trail snow clearing. The fence will be replaced in an alternate location in 2025.
- Repaired numerous broken post and cable fence posts.
- Preparation for the annual Christmas light display have started
- The Panorama Estates signs project was completed
- Strong windstorm caused some tree damage that the Parks team cleaned up.
- Sterling ball diamonds are still operation for fall ball slo-pitch league, wraps up September 28
- Supported drive-in movie preparation
- Four staff were chosen for the COR audit interview.
- The Eagle Builders Centre is in full operation with both ice surfaces installed.
- Sterling Sports Park and the Eagle Builders Centre hosted the annual RDI Rhinos Slo-Pitch / Ice Hockey Tournament over the September 6 – 8 weekend. There were ten men's teams and twelve women's teams.
- Blackfalds Bulldogs JrA team hosted their main camp on the September 6-8 weekend had their home opener on September 20
- Parks team shut down the Water Spray Park on Monday, September 9.
- Operations budget promoted to Director for Administration and Council review.
- 2025 Capital Budget Business Cases have been completed for review.
- New Zamboni arrived and in use
- Cemetery bylaw passed third reading at the September 24 Council meeting.