

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Svab, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Marina Appel, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Barb Shepherd, Lacombe County Representative
Kayla Marquis, Public at Large
Trent Kroetsch, Public at Large
Louise Rellis, Public at Large
Kristy Lawrence, Public at Large
Shauna Sawchuk, Public at Large

OTHERS ATTENDING

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

REGRETS

None

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

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

Member Shepherd 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

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Member Svab moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Minutes from March 5, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant Policy Update (verbal)

Director Kreklewich provided an update to the RCP Board regarding the changes to the grant policy that was approved by Council at the February 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. The RCP Board

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can now recommend applications from for-profit organizations provided that any proceeds must go toward non-profit organizations or programs, projects or initiatives that are deemed worthy.

Community Initiatives Grant – Cold-Blooded Cornhole

An application was received by Cold-Blooded Cornhole to host a regional cornhole event in June at the Eagle Builders Centre. A question was asked at the last RCP Board Meeting about whether Cold-Blooded Cornhole would consider having a time for the community to tryout the activity and Administration confirmed that they would.

Member Shepherd moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to provide Cold-Blooded Cornhole \$1,360 for their event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Community Initiatives Grant – Heart of Blackfalds Society**

An application was received by the Heart of Blackfalds Society to host a Family Street Dance on Broadway Avenue. In the past, Blackfalds would host a street dance on Broadway Avenue. This event would be similar with music provided by a DJ, dancing, bouncy castles, dunk tank and games. The event would encourage businesses and local organizations to participate as well and it would be free for people to attend. The last week of the Summer Culture Series would align with the event. This group is requesting \$2,000 from the Community Initiative Grant program to host this event.

Member Rellis moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to provide the Heart of Blackfalds Society \$2,000 for their event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Tree Planting Proposal – Lansdowne Avenue**

Manager Heindel presented a proposal from Barb Peever from the Site Resource Group Management Team. They were inquiring about a tree planting event within the Town of Blackfalds and a location that would be good for reforestation. Administration reviewed a few locations and the Lansdowne Avenue was the most favorable as this would be an opportunity to naturalize this berm. The green space berm along Lansdowne Avenue was agreed upon as this green space has been an ongoing problem for the Parks team to manage as the slope is a hazard for our mowing equipment.

Member Lawrence moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to support the proposed initiative from the Site Resource Group Management Team to plant trees in the area determined along Lansdowne Avenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Abbey Centre Update**

- Manager Simpson presented the monthly highlights

Parks and Facilities Update

- Manager Heindel presented the monthly highlights

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

Chair Kroetsch adjourned the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board Meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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Trent Kroetsch, Chair

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Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services