

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Svab, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Marina Appel, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Barb Shepherd, Lacombe County Representative
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

Kayla Marquis, Public at Large
Trent Kroetsch, Public at Large

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Member Lawrence welcomed all attending and called the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Member Rellis 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 January 8, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant – Central Alberta Warriors

Representatives from the Central Alberta Warriors organization attended the RCP Board Meeting to discuss their Community Initiatives Grant application. The RCP Board requested more information from their group and perhaps tie it to an event.

Community Initiatives Grant – Frazier’s Next Level Coaching

Representatives from Frazier’s Next Level Coaching attended the RCP Board Meeting to discuss their Community Initiatives Grant application for a provincial arm wrestling event being held at the Eagle Builders Centre on May 3rd. The RCP Board discussed the application and noted that it is a for-profit organization requesting this funding. The RCP Board requested that this be brought forward to Council and consider possible changes to the Community Initiatives Grant Policy guidelines and that we receive confirmation from the provincial arm wrestling association that this event has been awarded to Frazier’s Next Level Coaching.

Member Appel moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council that the Community Initiatives Grant Policy be amended to allow for-profit organizations to apply for funding, provided any profits go towards a program or project deemed worthy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member Appel moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board receive confirmation from the provincial arm wrestling association that this event has been awarded to Frazier’s Next Level Coaching and upon receiving the letter, bring forward the application to Council for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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. The RCP Board discussed the application and requested that the application be applied for through a representative other than a Town staff person. A question was asked about whether Cold-Blooded Cornhole would consider having a time for the community to tryout the activity.

Member Svab moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to give Cold-Blooded Cornhole \$1,360 for their event upon changing the applicant to another representative from the group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aspen Community Garden Relocation

Manager Heindel brought forward an idea of moving the Aspen Community Garden to Willow Park. New soil has been approved in the budget for Aspen, but considering it’s location and accessibility, Willow Park would be better laid out to add a community garden there. The community would have to be engaged before any action would be taken.

Member Rellis moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board advise Administration to engage the community on moving the community garden from Aspen Park to Willow Park and if the comments/results of engagement are primarily in favour (over 65%), then recommend to bring forward to Council and if the community is not in favour, discuss further at the RCP Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Framework Policy

Director Kreklewich presented a draft Community Services Framework Policy for the RCP Board to review. Two suggested changes were provided to Administration before providing the draft policy to Council.

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 8:12 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Kristy Lawrence, Vice Chair

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Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services