
MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Svab, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Marina Appel, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Dwayne West, Lacombe County Representative
Kayla Marquis, Public at Large
Trent Kroetsch, Public at Large
Shauna Sawchuk, Public at Large
Kristy Lawrence, Public at Large

OTHERS ATTENDING

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager
Jeff Heindel, Parks and Facilities Manager
Kurt Jensen, Sports and Events Coordinator

REGRETS

Louise Rellis, Public at Large
Barb Shepherd, Lacombe County Representative

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Member Kroetsch welcomed all attending and called the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Member Appel 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 Sawchuk moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Minutes from April 2, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant – Silverbacks Lacrosse Provincials

Deneen Weik spoke on behalf of the Silverbacks Lacrosse Provincials Community Initiatives Grant application. Due to changes in divisions, Blackfalds was able to host for second straight year and were awarded Provincials based on how well it ran last year. Her application for Community Initiatives Grant funding for \$2,500 would offset costs related to officials, promotions and food to be provided to guests/participants. Provincials is set for July 4 to 6, 2025.

Member Marquis moved to recommend to Council to provide \$2,500 from the Community Initiatives Grant to the Silverbacks Lacrosse Team to host Provincials.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Garden Relocation Survey Results

The survey results from the community garden relocation and comments from the open house were provided to the RCP Board. The Board discussed the reasoning for the relocation and the possibility of keeping a part of the garden at Aspen.

Member Kroetsch moved to recommend to Council to move Aspen Community Garden to Willow Park and reopen discussion about having a smaller garden at Aspen after one year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Football Field Update (verbal)

Director Kreklewich provided an update on the construction of the football field at the Iron Ridge Secondary Campus. Field goal posts are up and the field is being prepped for seeding.

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 7:27 p.m.

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Trent Kroetsch, Chair

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Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services