

Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 by Mary Ann MacDonald as chair, with the following committee members present:

- Tanni Doblanko – Mayor of Leduc County
- Glen Belozar – Leduc County Councillor
- Chris Hahn – Calmar representative
- Cindy Miller – Thorsby representative
- Elizabeth Leeb – New Sarepta representative

Other attendees

- Dean Ohnysty – Director of Parks & Recreation
- Andrea Oneski – Community Program Coordinator
- Courtney Risser – Administrative Assistant

Agenda adoption

Motion Mary Ann MacDonald – that the agenda for the Wednesday, October 19, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Department reports and recommendations

a) Grant rating rubric

Administration distributed a copy of the grant rating rubric to the committee members, used to generate the scores of each applicant group.

b) Arts and Cultural Grant funding review

Andrea Oneski reviewed the funding guidelines for the arts and cultural grant with the committee. Andrea explained that the parks and recreation administration pre-rated each applicant group on how closely they met the funding criteria. Andrea noted that the committee can vote to give full, partial or no funding to each applicant group. Discussion ensued amongst board members regarding funding recommendations. Ultimately, the committee chose to divide and distribute the budget of \$15,000 as follows:

- \$2500 – Beaumont AG Society Rural Roots Fair
- \$1500 – Cloverlawn Community Centre Rust Bucket Jamboree
- \$1500 – Devon Soccer Association Regional Tournament

- \$1500 – East Vistas Community Association community events
- \$800 – Leduc Art Club Accessible Art Classes
- \$1000 – Looma Good Deed Association community events
- \$1000 – Rolly View 4-H Dairy Club Achievement Day
- \$1500 – Rolly View Community Association art and culture workshops
- \$1500 – Rundle's Mission Society community events
- \$1500 – Telford Community Club Harvest supper/pit roast
- \$700 – Thorsby Municipal Library summer reading events

Motion Tanni Doblanko and Glen Belozar – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee supports the arts and cultural funding recommendation to Council.

Carried Unanimously

c) Regional Recreation Grant funding review

Andrea Oneski reviewed the funding guidelines for the regional recreation grant with the committee. Andrea explained that the parks and recreation administration pre-rated each applicant group on how closely they met the funding criteria. Andrea noted that the committee can vote to give full, partial or no funding to each applicant group. Discussion ensued amongst board members regarding funding recommendations. Ultimately, the committee chose to divide and distribute the budget of \$30,000 as follows:

- \$1500 – Centrelodge Community Centre community events
- \$1500 – Cloverlawn Community Centre community events
- \$1500 – Devon Skating Club skill camps
- \$1500 – Glen Park Community Association seniors jam sessions
- \$1000 – Leduc and District Minor Football Association performance facilitator
- \$1000 – Leduc Nordic Club Ski trail development
- \$1200 – Looma Good Deed Association fitness classes
- \$1100 – New Humble Community Association skating rink
- \$1500 – New Sarepta Minor Hockey Association skill camps
- \$1500 – New Sarepta soccer equipment
- \$500 – Warburg Pioneer Ag Society egg hunt
- \$1500 – Warburg Pioneer Ag Society Heritage Days
- \$1000 – Rock N Rollers equipment
- \$1500 – Rolly View Community Association community events
- \$1500 – Sandholm Pigeon Lake Drifters Society pancake breakfasts
- \$1500 – Strawberry District Society Farmers Day event
- \$2000 – Telford Community Club summer events
- \$500 – Warburg Recreation and Parks Board Light-Up event
- \$500 – Warburg Curling Club equipment
- \$1500 – Warburg Minor Hockey equipment
- \$500 – Warburg Hall of Fame equipment
- \$1500 – Warburg Seniors Club community events
- \$1000 – Warburg Soccer Association equipment

- \$700 – Wizard Lake Watershed Association Canada & Parks Day
- \$1500 – Women's Learn to Play Hockey

Motion Elizabeth Leeb and Chris Hahn – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee supports the regional recreation funding recommendation to Council.

Carried Unanimously

d) Summer programs and events infographic

Andrea Oneski provided a verbal summary to the board highlighting the following statistics:

- 28 drop in park and play programs were offered rotating between the communities of Warburg, Sunnybrook, New Sarepta and Cloverlawn.
- We offered 7 summer camps yielding a total of 340 attendees.
- 10 community events were hosted yielding a total of 1309 participants.
- 13 community associations were supported with resources, grant writing assistance and project planning.
- Local associations hosted 6 community events with the support of staff, equipment, fundraising support and resources provided by Leduc County's recreation department.

e) Participant feedback summary

A copy of the participant feedback summary was distributed. Andrea Oneski verbally relayed participant feedback to the board. She commended her recreation team for their adaptability, stamina and dedication throughout the season.

Motion Glenn Belozer that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the summer programs and events infographic and participant feedback summary as information.

Carried Unanimously

f) Department activity report

A copy of the department activity report was distributed. Dean Ohnysty provided updates to the board for the period of June to October and supplied the following information:

- The first phase of public engagement for the recreation master plan is complete. Council will review key findings and recommendations summary on November 24th.
- Council has agreed to provide conditional funding to committee's in Warburg, Calmar and Covenant Christian for new playgrounds upon approval of provincial grant funding.
- The City of Leduc and the County have revised their recreational cost share agreement contributions and termination clauses up until 2024.
- Revisions to the Beaumont cost share agreement and funding contribution allocation are anticipated to be presented to Council in November.
- We continue to work with Thorsby, Calmar and Warburg to prepare new agreements in 2023.

- The Village of Warburg has requested a 1M grant from the province in support of phase II of arena renovations. Council has provided, conditional in support, of this project as well.
- A regional community association meeting was hosted at the Telford Community Centre in September. Over 22 participants from 14 different associations across Leduc County were in attendance.
- We are currently researching and investigating the use of an online reservation system for Jubilee Campground in 2023.
- Campground projects this fall include some beach/day use improvements at Jubilee Park and minor maintenance at our other sites.
- Family Fun Sports Zone Drop in Programs will take place at the New Sarepta Agriplex gym from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following Saturdays, Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12 and 26. Children will work on a variety of sports skills with their families and friends. Games will be played both against their peers and independently.
- Open Gym Nights program will take place at the New Sarepta Agriplex gym from 6 to 8 p.m. on the following Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 25, Nov. 15, 29, Dec. 6 and 20. Children and youth will have a blast jumping on our bouncy castles, playing kick ball, creating art and playing games such as, laser tag, Nerf wars, spike ball and more!

Motion Cindy Miller that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the department activity report as information.

Carried Unanimously

Regional reports

No reports were provided.

Adjournment

Motion Mary Ann MacDonald that the PRAC meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Chairman


Director