

Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 P.M. on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 by Mary Ann MacDonald as Chair, with the following committee members present:

Absent council/committee members

- Chris Hahn – Calmar representative

Other attendees

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

Agenda adoption

Motion Glenn Belozar – that the agenda for the Wednesday, March 9, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Adoption of previous minutes

Motion Elizabeth Leeb – that the minutes from the Wednesday, September 8, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Election of officers

Dean Ohnysty assumed the chair for the elections and called for nominations for the PRAC Chairperson pursuant to Leduc County Bylaw 12-21 which states that “The Committee shall elect a chair and vice chair from among the members to serve for a one (1) year term”.

a) Chairperson

Glenn Belozar nominated Mary Ann MacDonald for the position of PRAC Chairperson.

Motion Dean Ohnysty – that Mary Ann MacDonald is elected as Chairperson.

Carried Unanimously

b) Vice Chairperson

Dean Ohnysty called for nominations for the position of PRAC Vice Chairperson.

Glenn Belozar nominated Elizabeth Leeb for the position of PRAC Vice Chairperson.

Motion Dean Ohnysty – that Elizabeth Leeb is elected as Vice Chairperson.

Carried Unanimously

Mary Ann MacDonald assumed the Chairperson

Mary Ann MacDonald expressed appreciation, assumed the chair and proceeded to chair the balance of the PRAC meeting.

Department reports and recommendations

a) Programs and events update

Andrea Oneski provided a verbal update to the board highlighting the upcoming programs and events to be hosted this spring and summer. The recruitment process for seasonal recreation staff is now complete. With Covid-19 restrictions lifting, the recreation team is excited to host a variety of themed camps in person including, Lego, soccer, and cooking. Following community events that were well received last year, we plan to host four older adult concerts, two drive in movie events, two party in the park celebrations and 28 drop in playground programs that will rotate between 7 communities within Leduc County. Parks day will be returning to the Jubilee Park Campground day use area this year.

A request to hire has been submitted for a full-time permanent community programmer and is expected to be filled by the end of April. This addition to our team will allow us to begin hosting year-round community programs and events once more. The recreation team will partner with Thorsby more frequently to assist with their staff shortages. Leduc County's parks and recreation team has historically lent equipment to halls to provide services to their community at a low cost. Please reach out to Andrea or Dean if your community hall is planning to host a program or event so we can partner and offer our services.

Motion Tanni Doblanko – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives as information.

Carried Unanimously

b) Review of PRAC

Dean Ohnysty provided a verbal update on how PRAC has evolved over the last several years. Dean noted that the committee has transitioned from an advisory capacity to a greater focus on networking and information sharing between communities. The committee collectively agreed with this assertion. Another shared view was that councilors on the committee serve as strong advocates to council regarding the value of recreation and the specific needs within various communities. The committee collectively agreed that PRAC is valuable from a resident perspective because it sets a standard for how recreation is managed across the County while serving promotional purposes for various programs and events

Motion – Glenn Belozer that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives as information.

Carried Unanimously

c) Parks and Recreation Visioning

Dean Ohnysty provided a verbal update on the purpose of and strategies for developing a new visioning document for Leduc County's parks and recreation department. A draft Request for Proposal is ready for submission which will lead to the selection of a consultant to lead our parks and recreation visioning in 2022. Over the course of the summer, Leduc County will review how they support and partner in recreation service provision with not for profits and neighboring communities. We will engage with as many residents and stakeholders as possible by participating in programs and events across the region. Based on this information, Leduc County will develop a priority list of needs and opportunities to action into the future including, increased service levels, parks development and facility services and opportunities.

Motion – Elizabeth Leeb that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives as information.

Information items

a) Rundles Mission Letter of Gratitude

A copy of the Rundles Mission letter of gratitude was distributed. Dean Ohnysty highlighted its relation to the grant allocations approved by PRAC in November of 2021.

Motion – Tanni Doblanko that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives as information.

b) Department activity report

A copy of the department activity report was distributed.

Dean Ohnysty provided updates to the board for the period of December 2021 through until March 2022 and supplied the following information:

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- A committee of Council will meet with representatives of Leduc and Beaumont this spring to review concerns or required amendments to cost sharing agreements.
 - Leduc County is considering a funding request to support the Canadian Energy Museum as they celebrate the 75th anniversary of Leduc #1 on June 25th.
 - We are awaiting confirmation of funding from the Alberta Collaboration grant which will allow us to include Warburg and Thorsby in our recreation visioning process.
 - A public meeting will be hosted on April 7th to engage Vistas residents in planning the future use of County owned lands within their subdivisions.
 - We are reviewing the lakeshore guidelines with residents of Mission Beach on Pigeon Lake to provide clarity about how they can use the municipal reserve lands in their community.
 - A contractor will now manage all financial revenues and minor expenditures for Centennial Park Campground and provide a revenue contribution to Leduc County.
 - Use of online forms this year for Jubilee Seasonal Applications and Group Use camping has been very successful.
 - A new firewood contractor will be supplying wood this year and the tender for septic hauling is currently open.
 - Andrea Oneski highlighted that our County offered workshops have received a positive response from various community associations. Additional workshops will be offered in 2022 with a focus on volunteer retention, creating and maintaining a social media platform and dealing with difficult people.

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

Carried Unanimously

Regional reports

Verbal reports were given for each region.

Tanni Doblanko – Telford hall has been hosting pancake suppers and engaging seniors on how to use computers. Glen park hall AGM will be an in person event and is coming up on March 19th.

Cindy Miller – The complex will be hosting a pancake breakfast on March 19th. There will be a vendor market inside. The library is hosting an art show on same day in the complex. The groups have been coordinating to plan their events. Strawberry hall will be hosting a Farmer's Day event in June.

Glenn Belozor – Sunnybrook market is being hosted every third Saturday. Sunnybrook Hall hosted a very successful Lasagna supper event where 65 meals were sold.

Elizabeth Leeb – Clover Lawn hall held their AGM last week which included a Shrove Tuesday event. Clover Lawn hall is hosting a craft night on March 25 at 7 pm. The New Sarepta library is hosting a St. Patrick's Day craft event and a mom and me painting event later this month as well. The Bonspiel will return to New Sarepta on March 26th. A spring fling event featuring a pig roast will take place on Saturday, April 30. The Roll View Seniors Centre has been hosting fly boys on Friday nights where residents can race and display their drones and remote control cars. Roll View Hall will host a fair and food truck event on June 9th and

plans to host their AGM in June as well. Looma has been hosting coffee nights with live music and looks forward to hosting their annual Harvest supper.

Next Meeting date

Dean Ohnysty – that the next PRAC meeting is proposed for June 8, 2022.

Adjournment

Motion – Glenn Belozer that the PRAC meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm


Chairman


Director