
1. Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, by the Chair, Mary Ann MacDonald, Beaumont representative, with the following committee members present:

- Dal Viridi – Leduc County Councillor
- Chris Hahn – Calmar representative
- Amanda Riemer – Leduc Region representative

Other attendees:

- Dean Ohnysty – Director, Community Services
- Andrea Oneski – Community Development Coordinator
- Corrie Richer – FCSS Administrative Assistant

Absent from the meeting were Tanni Doblanko, Mayor of Leduc County, Elizabeth Leeb, New Sarepta representative and Cindy Miller, Thorsby representative.

Roundtable introductions occurred.

2. Agenda Adoption

01-2023 Chris Hahn – that the agenda for the Wednesday, February 8, 2023, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3. Adoption of previous minutes

02-2023 Chris Hahn – that the minutes from the Wednesday, October 19, 2022, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. Department reports and recommendations**a) Recreation and Parks Master Plan**

Dean provided a summary of key findings that will inform the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Dean advised that the document is under review and will be presented to Council later this spring.

Discussion ensued.



03-2023 Dal Virdi – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the Recreation and Parks Master Plan presentation as information.

Carried Unanimously

b) Community grants criteria review

Dean provided a brief introduction of the criteria for recreation grant funding. In 2023, Parks and Recreation will review and recommend improvements that align with current practices and needs of community organizations. The improved criteria will be introduced for the 2023 funding program.

Discussion ensued.

04-2023 Dal Virdi – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the community grants criteria review as information.

Carried Unanimously

c) Department activity report

Business Plan

Dean advised that there is a new online reservation software service for Jubilee campground this year. The online booking service will become available in April. The website can be seen on www.camppreservations.ca.

Dean advised that a resident survey will be launched to gather feedback from residents to help create a new vision for Yardley Jones Park in New Sarepta. The County will also host conversations with key groups, and residents to help inform a future direction. A plan will be presented to Council in quarter four.

Discussion ensued.

Recreation and Parks Master Plan

Spoken to previously.

Community Partnerships

Dean advised that the Leduc Society for Christian Education (a parent-led group) successfully received a \$125k grant from the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) to support a new playground. Council previously supported a \$10K sponsorship in securing the required matching funds.

Andrea advised that a Strategic Planning workshop was hosted for the Leduc West Antique Society on January 28 in partnership with the City of Leduc and Leduc County.

Dean advised that playground and park planning started with the East Vistas Community Association (EVCA). Leduc County will collaborate with EVCA to create a vision for the new playground in an existing green space.

Cost Share

Dean advised that Council approved a revised recreation cost share with the City of Beaumont. In 2023, the operating contribution will be \$440K, which represents 11.43% of programs and facility costs.



Dean advised that cost share committees for Leduc and Beaumont met in January to review their 2023 capital projects.

Dean advised that the Village of Warburg received confirmation of a \$1M grant from the province to complete phase two of the arena. This phase will include a new Zamboni room, storage space and ice plant.

Community Facilities

Dean advised that the Calmar and District Agricultural Society presented to Council requesting support to help secure an energy efficiency grant for solar panels and improved lighting. Council provided a conditional support of up to \$67K, with the society to dedicate \$140K towards the project. Dean commented that the energy-efficient project (solar upgrade) aligns with the Master Plan.

Community Resources and Support

Dean advised that cheques for operational support to not-for-profit associations were mailed out at the end of January.

Parks Operations

Dean advised that the South Vistas Community Park Plan was shared with residents in early February. The plan helps inform residents on activities and types of use that are permitted on County lands. We will work with the community to implement changes identified in the plan.

Recreation

Dean and Andrea provided the following information:

Programs

- Posters were shared to showcase several upcoming programs including:
 - Family Fun Sport Zone on Feb 18, Mar 4 & 18, and Apr 15, held at the New Sarepta Agriplex
 - Open Gym Night for children and youth on Feb 7 & 21, Mar 7 & 21, Apr 4 & 18, held at the New Sarepta Agriplex
- The Drop-in Gym and PD Day Hangout program for children and youth held in January was a success and will continue Feb 21, Mar 13, and Apr 28 at the New Sarepta Agriplex.
- The Farm to Table Family Box program in December was a huge success and sold out of the Charcuterie pick-up boxes filled with locally sourced products.

Events and Community Support

- Leduc County in partnership with the Rolly View Social Committee, hosted the annual Breakfast with Santa event at the Rolly View Hall. There were 250 people who attended the event.
- On December 17th, Leduc County hosted the Luminary community event at the Rundles Mission Retreat Centre. The Luminary event was a wonderful afternoon program that included live music, gingerbread house decorating, lantern craft, ice carving, maple syrup snow candy, concession and the featured luminary walk. Staff created a magical winter walk, with over 250 luminary lanterns around the Rundles Mission historical boardwalk.
- The annual Winter Try It Festival is coming up on Feb 11th. This event is free and is hosted in partnership with the Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association at the Jubilee Campground day use area.
- We are in the process of supporting Rolly View Community Association in their efforts to provide the east side of the county with a volunteer appreciation event. This event will include dinner, door



prizes, live music and special thanks to those volunteers who make this community such a great place to live. Save the date for April 26th. This will be the first volunteer event held in this community.

- Leduc County will be hosting an event to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the 50 Mile New Sarepta Walk. Former editorial cartoonist John Yardley Jones, New Sarepta resident Erika Lefevre and two other people set out to walk from New Sarepta to Edmonton in March 1963.
- Leduc County is starting to plan spring and summer events.

05-2023 Mary Ann McDonald – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the department activity report as information.

Carried Unanimously

5. Information items

- a) Family Fun Sports Zone poster
- b) Farm to Table Family Box poster
- c) Open Gym Night poster
- d) PD Day Hangout

06-2023 Amanda Reimer – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives information items a) through d) as information.

Carried Unanimously

6. Regional reports

Chris Hahn provided a brief report regarding renovations needed at the hall.

7. Adjournment

07-2023 Dal Viridi - that the PRAC meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Carried Unanimously


Chairman


Director

