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**1. Order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, by the Chair, Mary-Ann McDonald, Beaumont representative, with the following committee members present:

- Tanni Doblanko – Leduc County Mayor
- Dal Virdi – Leduc County Councillor
- Chris Hahn – Calmar representative
- Amanda Riemer – Leduc Region representative
- Elizabeth Leeb – New Sarepta representative

**Other attendees:**

- Dean Ohnysty – Director, Community Services
- Andrea Oneski – Community Program Coordinator

Absent from the meeting were Cindy Miller, Thorsby representative.

Roundtable introductions occurred.

**2. Agenda Adoption**

**08-2023** Mayor Doblanko – that the agenda for the Wednesday, June 7, 2023, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**3. Adoption of previous minutes**

**09-2023** Chris Hahn – that the minutes from the Wednesday, February 8, 2023, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**4. Department reports and recommendations****a) Programs Update presentation**

Andrea provided a snapshot of the Parks and Recreation 2023 summer programs and events, including several day camps, drop-in parks and play programs, community events, and child and youth special trips run by three returning seasonal leaders from the 2022 season. Andrea also mentioned the County's funding support of other programs and events hosted by community associations.



b) Tourism Stats

Dean presented the Discover Leduc Region 2022 Annual Report and Summary, showcasing the website's activity statistics. Dean will work with the Leduc, Nisku, and Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber to continue to improve and promote tourism.

c) 2024 Business Plan Budget

Dean presented the 2024 Budget and Business Planning Recommendations. The proposed projects and initiatives will continue to be defined and evaluated then submitted to the executive leadership and Council for consideration and approval this fall.

**10-2023** Elizabeth Leeb – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the Program Update presentation, the Tourism Stats presentation, and the Business Plan Budget as information.

Carried Unanimously

d) Department Activity Report

Dean informed the PRAC of the following activity report items:

Business Plan

- Improvements are continually made on the new online reservation software service for Jubilee Campground ([www.campreservations.ca](http://www.campreservations.ca)), Dean anticipates an increase in camping revenues this year.
- The County conducted a community survey for the Yardley Jones Park renovation project in May.
- It is anticipated that Dean will present the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to Council this summer and an implementation plan this fall.

Community Partnerships

- Leduc West Antique Society presented to Council requesting support towards road paving and identifying opportunities to improve Wi-Fi access for events.
- Council supported a partnership with Leduc Community Health Foundation as "Partners in Health" in May.

Cost Share

- The final 2022 operations and capital projects, and 2023 cost share budgets for Warburg and Calmar will be presented to Council on June 13 for consideration and approval. Dean is waiting for the required reporting from the Town of Thorsby before he can present their cost share budgets to Council for consideration and approval.
- The City of Beaumont and the City of Leduc received their 2022 operations and capital projects and 2023 cost share budgets in March.
- Council formalized support towards the Village of Warburg's phase two arena redevelopment project for \$1.1M. Renovations to include a new Zamboni room, storage space, and ice plant will begin in 2024.



#### Community Facilities

- Council provided \$67,000 to the Calmar District Ag Society to support energy efficiency upgrades.
- Council confirmed to support new school playgrounds in Calmar, Warburg, and Leduc Society for Christian Education.

Andrea informed the PRAC of the following community resources and support items:

#### Community Resources and Support

- The recreation team is confirmed to support 17 community events across Leduc County this summer.
- The County is working with the East Vistas Community Association on a community playground grant and the Rolly View Community Association on a front entrance revision.

Dean informed the PRAC of the following parks operations and recreation items:

#### Parks Operations

##### Campgrounds

- The playground replacements at Jubilee and Centennial campgrounds are anticipated for installation in September. The Genesee and Sunnybrook group campgrounds are now available for bookings through the online reservation system.

##### General

- Dean advised that the County continues to work with the Wizard Lake Watershed on lake and shoreline preservation projects.

#### Recreation

##### Programs

- Dean and Andrea shared the successes of recent programs held and provided a brief of upcoming programs and events over the summer months, with registration open to the community.

##### Events and Community Support

- Dean and Andrea shared the successes of recent community events in partnership with the Wizard Lake Water Shed Association and the New Sarepta Historical Society.
- Dean and Andrea shared several events held supporting Trail Month in May and Recreation and Parks Month in June.

**11-2023** Elizabeth Leeb – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the Department Activity Report as information.

Carried Unanimously

#### **5. Information items**

NA

## 6. Regional reports

Mayor Doblanko reported that the Glen Park Hall renovations are complete and successfully sold out of tickets for the Senior Supper program, funded by the New Horizons Senior Grant. The program will continue with an event scheduled once per month.

Elizabeth Leeb shared details of the upcoming New Sarepta Fair Days event on June 17. Elizabeth also shared the success of the New Sarepta Library's Chair Yoga program, in partnership with the Friends of New Sarepta Library, and funding support received from Leduc County's senior grant program.

Chris Hahn reported that the Telford Community Centre renovations are in progress. They are waiting to receive additional funding from CFEP to complete the renovations. Chris shared the success of the Summer Dinner series, the Family BBQ kick-off on June 9. Also, with funding support from Leduc County's senior grant program, the Coffee Drop-in program started and will run every Tuesday.

## 7. Adjournment

**12-2023** Dal Viridi - that the PRAC meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

  
Chairman

  
Director

