

## **1. Order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, by the Chair, Mary Ann MacDonald, Beaumont representative, with the following committee members present:

- Tanni Doblanko – Leduc County Mayor
- Dal Virdi – Leduc County Councillor
- Chris Hahn – Calmar representative
- Cindy Miller – Thorsby representative
- Amanda Riemer – Leduc Region representative

### **Other attendees:**

- Dean Ohnysty – Director, Community Services
- Andrea Oneski – Community Development Coordinator
- Victoria Fulton – Administrative Assistant

## **2. Agenda Adoption**

**01-2024** Cindy Miller – that the agenda for the Wednesday, April 24, 2024, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

## **3. Adoption of previous minutes**

**02-2024** Chris Hahn – that the minutes from the Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

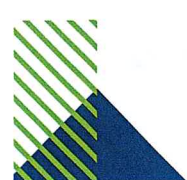
## **4. Department reports and recommendations**

### **a) Elections**

Dean Ohnysty assumed the chair for the elections and called for nominations for the PRAC 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”.

### Chairperson

Chris Hahn nominated Mary Ann MacDonald for the position of PRAC Chairperson.



**03-2024** Dean Ohnysty – that Mary Ann MacDonald is elected as Chairperson.

Carried Unanimously

Vice Chairperson

Tanni Doblanko nominated Dal Viridi for the position of PRAC Vice Chairperson.

**04-2024** Dean Ohnysty – that Dal Viridi is elected as Chairperson.

Carried Unanimously

b) 2024 Operational Plan

Dean presented the final Parks and Recreation 2024 Operation Plan as approved by Council in December 2023.

c) 2024 Budget and Projects Update

The 2024 Budget as approved by Council in December 2023 was presented to the PRAC. Dean noted any adjustments or items that were not included in the final budget document since his last PRAC presentation in September 2023.

d) 2024 Cost Share Capital Projects Summary

Dean presented the final 2024 cost share capital projects summary as approved by Council.

e) Campreservations.ca

Vickie gave a demonstration of the online reservation system (campreservations.ca) for Jubilee Park Campground.

f) Recreation Programs Update Presentation

Andrea shared a presentation with videos and images of programs and events that were held in 2023, followed by an infographic summarizing the County's 2024 programs and events.

g) Department Activity Report

Dean and Andrea provided the following information:

Budget

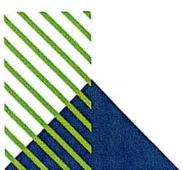
Council approved two funding recommendations, one to the Telford Community Hall for a new roof and the second to the Leduc County library board to conduct a feasibility study concerning the need for a stand-alone library in the community.

Business Plan

A draft memorial dedication policy will be presented to the Municipal Policy Review Committee on April 25, 2024, and a draft policy to address the future naming of parks will follow in the coming months.

Community Partnerships

On April 9, Council approved additional funding to support the Warburg Arena phase II project. He also shared concerns expressed by the New Sarepta Historical Society over the Yardley Jones Park plan and requested that Council amend the park plan allowing the society to enter into a maintenance agreement for the Tire and Girdle Museum.



#### Cost Share

The County has had ongoing meetings with the City of Leduc and the City of Beaumont to renew their 3-year funding agreements to support services in 2025-2027. The Towns of Thorsby and Calmar agreements have been reviewed and will be presented to Council for approval. Dean shared that the recently completed pickleball courts at the LRC are one of many projects supported through the cost-share program, and the City of Leduc is celebrating with a grand opening on May 1.

#### Community Facilities

The County has been supporting community facilities with several projects including the Village of Warburg's phase II arena redevelopment; supporting the New Sarepta Ag Society with their long-term capital plan, developing their Health and Safety manual, and grant funding opportunities to replace the arena's condenser.

#### Community Resources and Support

Andrea announced that she is offering Rural Community Association workshops to community groups to provide learning opportunities and networking. The first workshop was hosted on April 13, where she shared a new provincial government online learning center available to non-profit community groups.

#### Parks Operations

##### Campgrounds

Online bookings for Jubilee Park Campground opened in January with \$185,000 in revenues received as of March 19. Seasonal camping reservations concluded with 27 campers confirmed. The 2024 season opens on May 17.

##### General

We are working with the Wizard Lake Watershed Association to do a shoreline naturalization and restoration project in June.

#### Recreation

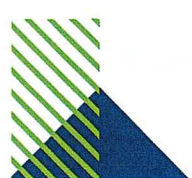
Dean and Andrea provided the following information:

##### Programs

- Summer program registration opens on April 15 offering a variety of camps, programs, and activities throughout the summer.
- April is Leduc County Scavenger Hunt month. Scavenger hunt challenges are throughout the county for families to participate and take a photo.
- The first local art contest launches in May. There are several art categories for adult and youth to submit their artwork to be voted and winners featured at Leduc County Dyas celebrations and other events.
- The Try-a-Trail program will return in May featuring Leduc County trails with information such as location, amenities and difficulty levels.

##### Events and Community Support

- The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Try it Winter Festival was held on February 10 and was a success with over 700 people in attendance.





- The sunflower growing contest will return on May 15 to September 10 with the tallest sunflower winner will win a family pizza party.

**05-2024** Dal Viridi – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the Department reports and recommendations as information.

Carried Unanimously

## 5. Information items

Dean announced the opening ceremony of the LRC Pickleball court on May 1 at 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

## 6. Regional reports

Cindy Miller representing the Thorsby region shared the following events:

- Strawberry Hall is hosting a Father's Day BBQ on June 15.
- The Society is preparing for its seniors concert series held throughout the summer and the annual Harvest Festival.

Mayor Doblanko shared that the Glen Park Community Association may apply for the New Horizons grant.

Chris Hahn representing the Calmar region shared the following events:

- The Telford Hall is preparing for its Summer Dinner series, twice in June, July and August, and the annual Pitt Roast and Harvest festivals
- The hall's new roof project is underway and going smoothly.

## 7. Next Meeting – June 7, 2024

**06-2024** Mayor Doblanko – That the next PRAC meeting be held at the Rundles Mission.

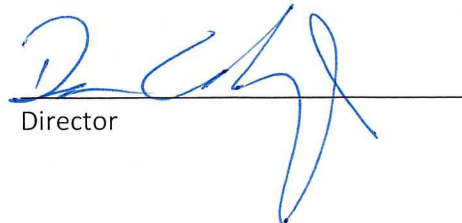
Carried Unanimously

## Adjournment

**07-2024** Dal Viridi - that the PRAC meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

  
Chairman

  
Director

