
1. Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, by the Chair, Mary Ann MacDonald, Beaumont representative, with the following committee members present:

- Dal Viridi – Leduc County Councillor
- Cindy Miller – Thorsby representative

Other attendees:

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

Regrets:

- Tanni Doblanko – Leduc County Mayor
- Chris Hahn – Calmar representative
- Amanda Riemer – Leduc representative

2. Rundles Mission Historic Site Tour

The Rundles Mission Society Board Secretary, Cindy Leonhardt, was invited to speak about and lead a tour of the Memorial Lodge commercial kitchen, common areas and sleeping quarters, then to the adjacent cottages, trails and other amenities throughout the site.

3. Agenda Adoption

08-2024 Cindy Miller – that the agenda for the Tuesday, June 25, 2024, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

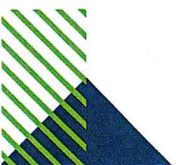
3. Adoption of previous minutes

09-2024 Cindy Miller – that the minutes from the April 24, 2024, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. Department reports and recommendations**a) 2025 Business Plan and Budget Priorities**

Dean presented the 2025 work plans and projects that will be proposed to the executive leadership for review. Projects and initiatives will continue to be modified prior to submission to Council in November.



- 10-2024** Dal Virdi – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the 2025 business plan and budget priorities as information.

Carried Unanimously

b) Wizard Lake Naturalization Project

Dean showcased pictures of the Wizard Lake Naturalization project completed on June 7, 2024, in partnership with the Wizard Lake Watershed Association. The event engaged students from New Humble School to help with planting, learn about nature and create more naturalized spaces throughout the area.

- 11-2024** Cindy Miller – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the Wizard Lake Naturalization project as information.

Carried Unanimously

5. Information items

Dean provided the following information:

Business Plan

- The North Saskatchewan River Park plan is being prepared for Council in August 2024.
- Council approved the new Memorial Dedication policy on June 11.
- The East Vistas Community Association hosted a sponsorship meeting in May to encourage contractors and businesses to financially support the installation of a new community playground in 2025 as they wait to receive funding from the CFEP grant.

Community Partnerships

- Grant funding for improvements to the Yardley Jones Park has not been confirmed, and a partnership agreement with the New Sarepta Historical Society has been drafted to maintain and operate the Tire and Girdle building.
- The Sunnybrook Athletic Association applied for the Capital Power Community Sustainability grant to complete a solar project in partnership with Leduc County.

Cost Share

On June 11, Council approved the 2023 final and 2024 budget cost share payments for the Village of Warburg. Cost share payments for the Town of Calmar and Thorsby will be presented to Council in August. A formal recommendation to update the funding contribution with the City of Leduc and Beaumont will go to Council in the fall.

Community Facilities

- The Warburg Arena project is underway with the redevelopment of the new ice plant room and storage and Zamboni room. The overall project completion is anticipated for the fall ice season.
- Leduc County is supporting the New Sarepta Ag Society and New Sarepta Library to develop safety programs for their staff and facility operations. Administration hopes to create a standardized template that can be shared with other halls to implement their safety programs in 2025.

Community Resources and Support

Andrea shared workshop, resources and grant opportunities, including the community grants opening on September 2 and closing on September 30, 2024.

Parks Operations



Campgrounds

The Jubilee Park and Centennial Park Campgrounds successfully opened during the May long weekend and received positive feedback on the new playground structures installed at both campgrounds. Reservations at the Genesee and Sunnybrook group campgrounds have also now migrated to campreservations.ca.

General

A dandelion spraying plan was implemented in East Vistas to improve maintenance levels and reduce the frequency of mowing.

Recreation

Andrea provided the following information:

Programs

- Precreation programs that were highlighted include the Leduc County Scavenger Hunt, Try-a-Trail month and “We ❤️ local art”.

Events and Community Support

- Free pickleball at the New Sarepta Agriplex was offered to residents in celebration of June is Recreation and Parks month.
- On June 13, 2024, the Leduc County Days was a success with over 300 participants. The next celebration will be held on August 20 at the New Sarepta Agriplex.
- On July 13, 2024, Parks Day will be celebrated at the Jubilee Day Use area with several activities planned.

12-2024 Dal Viridi – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the Department Activity report information.

Carried Unanimously

6. Regional reports

There were no regional reports.


7. Next Meeting – September 4, 2024

Adjournment

13-2024 Dal Viridi - that the PRAC meeting be adjourned at the Rundles Mission Historic Site at 7:52 p.m, followed by a brief tour at Mission Beach Park.

Carried Unanimously


Chairman


Director