

**1. Order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, by the Chair, Mary Ann MacDonald, Beaumont representative, with the following committee members present:

- Tanni Doblanko – Leduc County Mayor
- Cindy Miller – Thorsby representative
- Chris Hahn – Calmar representative
- Missy Chehayeb – Leduc representative

**Other attendees:**

- Dean Ohnysty – Director, Community Services
- Andrea Oneski – Supervisor, Community Programs
- Victoria Fulton – Administrative Assistant

**Regrets:**

- Dal Virdi – Leduc County Councillor
- Jen Willson – New Sarepta representative

**2. Agenda Adoption**

- 01-2025** Mary Ann MacDonald – that the agenda for the April 9, 2025, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**3. Adoption of previous minutes**

- 02-2025** Tani Doblanko – that the minutes from the October 16, 2024, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**4. 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”.

a) Chairperson

Missy Chehayeb nominated Mary Ann MacDonald for the position of PRAC Chairperson.

**03-2025** Tanni Doblanko – that Mary Ann MacDonald is elected as Chairperson.  
Carried Unanimously

b) Vice Chairperson  
Tanni Doblanko nominated Chris Hahn for the position of PRAC Vice Chairperson.

**04-2025** Dean Ohnysty – that Chris Hahn is elected as Chairperson.  
Carried Unanimously

**05. Department reports and recommendations**

a) 2025 Operational plan and budget update  
Dean presented the final Parks and Recreation 2024 Operation Plan as approved by Council in December 2023.

**5-2025** Missy Chehayeb – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the 2025 Operational plan and budget report as information.  
Carried Unanimously

b) Jubilee Park Campground operations  
Dean reported the changes in service delivery at Jubilee Park with a third-party contractor now managing operations, reservations, concession, and the day-use areas.

**06-2025** Cindy Miller – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the Jubilee Park Campground operations report as information.  
Carried Unanimously

c) Policies update  
Dean reported that new policies have been identified to support the implementation of services to residents. This includes Policy PR-02 – Parks Naming, which was approved by Council on February 25, 2025. In addition, three policies are currently in development: the Municipal Reserve Dedication Policy, the Parks Maintenance Standards Policy, and the Recreation Framework Policy.

**07-2025** Mary Ann MacDonald – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the Policies update report as information.  
Carried Unanimously

d) Policies update  
Andrea shared highlights of the Try-it-Festival event on February 8, 2025, and shared some photos of over 550 residents who enjoyed the event.

e) Andrea shared statistical highlights of the 2024 Community Association Grant program, and shared examples of how some of the organizations utilized their funding.



f) Department Activity Report:

Dean provided the following administration updates as information:

Community Partnerships – Administration continues to provide support to local community groups in advancing their projects and goals. Recent efforts include ongoing support to the East Vistas Community Association for their community playground project. Grant writing assistance was provided to the Cloverlawn Community Association, Telfordville, and the Thorsby Hay Maker Centre to assist with various facility improvement initiatives.

Cost Share – On February 25, 2025, Council approved the 2025 Capital Cost-Share Program funding allocations to the City of Leduc, City of Beaumont, Town of Thorsby, and Town of Calmar. The updated cost-share agreement with the City of Beaumont is currently under review and is anticipated to be presented to Council for approval in Q2 2025.

Community Facilities – The Library Board is scheduled to present the New Sarepta Library Feasibility Study to Council on May 6, 2025. In addition, the New Sarepta Agriplex applied for a provincial grant to support its initiatives, with a funding decision anticipated in June 2025.

Community Resource and Support – A series of Community Cafés and workshops are scheduled throughout 2025, offering local organizations opportunities for information sharing and capacity-building. Sessions will cover a variety of practical topics, including financial management, grant writing, and strategic planning.

Park Operations

Campgrounds – Seasonal camping at Jubilee Park Campground confirmed 28 bookings, and regular season reservations opened on March 18. The campground will be managed by the new management company, 140036 AB Ltd.

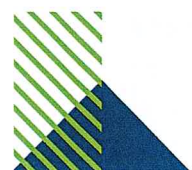
General – The rescindment of the Parks and Open Spaces Bylaw was approved by Council on January 28, 2025, with a new bylaw to support format changes to identifying spaces, revised wording on rules, and adjusted fines and penalties.

Recreation – The annual scavenger hunt starts in April for one month of activities and challenges, followed by Try-a-Trail month in May. Registration for spring and summer day camps, drop-in programs, and special events open on May 15 with Go Girl kicking off the season on April 22.

Events and Community Support – The fall and winter seasons included Harvest Festival (in partnership with Strawberry Hall), Winter Festival and the Light the Night Winter Luminary, and the Try-it-Winter festival (in partnership with Wizard Lake Watershed Association). The community lend-out programs were busy providing equipment to community groups hosting other winter festivals and events.

**08-2025** Tani Doblanko – that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receives the department activity report as information.

Carried Unanimously





## 6. Information items

Tanni Doblanko:

- The Glen Park Community Association recently held its AGM with 2 updated bylaws approved.

Chris Hahn, representing the Calmar region:

- The Telford Community Hall was recently awarded the New Horizons Seniors grant for a new sound system at the hall.

Cindy Miller, representing the Thorsby region:

- Strawberry Hall is currently recruiting for new board volunteers.


## 7. Next Meeting – June 11, 2025, at Jubilee Park Campground

### Adjournment

**09-2025** Tanni Doblanko - that the PRAC meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

  
Chairman

  
Director

