

**MINUTES OF THE LEDUC COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018 A.D. AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE COUNTY CENTRE, NISKU, ALBERTA**

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**Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Tracy Musson with the following committee members present:

Tracy Musson - Thorsby Representative  
Donna Eklund – Calmar Representative  
Ginger Collisson - Leduc Representative  
Tasha Harrop – Warburg Representative  
Ronald Patrick - Devon Representative  
Councillor Kelly-Lynn Lewis

The following committee members sent regrets:  
Elizabeth Leeb - New Sarepta Representative  
Mayor Tanni Doblanko

The following committee member was absent:  
Darlene Shield - Beaumont Representative

Also present were:  
Dean Ohnysty – Director of Parks & Recreation  
Andrea Oneski, Community Development Coordinator  
Darlene Chimera - Recording Secretary

**Agenda Adoption**

**Motion:** Ginger Collisson - that the agenda for the November 14, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Kelly-Lynn Lewis - that the minutes of the June 13, 2018 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Budget Updates**

Dean Ohnysty advised that the Parks and Recreation budget has been reviewed and will be going to Council for approval shortly. The key change to the budget is that the East Area Needs Assessment Plan has been merged into a full Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan. This will be a two-year project with a budget of \$200,000. As well, the proposed \$125,000 budgeted for Park Enhancement Community Grant funding has been cut from the budget.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Board Member Appointments Expiring**

Tasha Harrop (Warburg) and Ronald Patrick (Devon) have their first terms expiring on December 31, 2018. Both committee members are encouraged to apply for a second term.

### **Proposed 2019 Meeting Schedule**

A copy of the Proposed 2019 Meeting Schedule was distributed for information. Should there be a conflict with a meeting date and an alternate date will to be considered.

### **Recreation Cost Share Reviews**

Review of the Cost Share Agreements is included in the 2019 Business Plan. Leduc and Beaumont have formed committees to start the review process on these agreements. The Warburg and Thorsby agreements will be reviewed once the Leduc and Beaumont agreements have been completed.

### **Recreation Policy Update**

The revised Recreation Policy is going to Council for approval. Currently community associations receive an annual grant for operations and can apply for additional money for small projects or purchases. The key change to the policy is to increase the amount given to the community associations from \$3,300 to \$5,000. The increased funding is intended to be used for increased operating costs as well as small capital projects, which may include small renovations, purchasing equipment or supplies, as well as small hall upgrades. They will not be eligible to apply for further project grant funding.

The Recreation Boards will continue to receive \$7,500 of which community groups are eligible to apply for grant funding for programs, special events and new initiatives throughout the region.

Special project and emergency funding may be requested for large projects or support due to circumstances beyond their control.

The Arts and Cultural Grant offers annual funding opportunities to groups and organizations that encourage the development of arts and cultural related events and programs.

**Facility Construction Update (Warburg and Beaumont)**

Leduc County Council has agreed to fund two major projects

- 1) Warburg Arena Upgrades. Work began in September. Work has been steady and progressing as scheduled.
- 2) Beaumont Fieldhouse Renovations. Leduc County has agreed to contribute \$2.4M over five years to this major renovation.

**Summer Programs Presentation**

Andrea Oneski gave a slide show presentation of the 2018 summer programs.

**REPORTS**

**Department Activity Reports and Correspondence**

A copy of the Department Activity Report was distributed for information.

**ARPA Conference Review**

A copy of the ARPA Conference Review was distributed for information.

**Regional Reports**

Verbal reports were given for each region.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday March 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Centre, Nisku, Alberta.

**Information Items**

Not any.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Ronald Patrick – that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

  
Chairperson

  
Director