

**MINUTES OF THE LEDUC COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE SIXTH DAY OF MARCH,
2019 A.D. AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE COUNTY CENTRE, NISKU, ALBERTA**

Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Ronald Patrick with the following committee members present:

Tracy Musson - Thorsby Representative (arrived at 7:00 p.m.)
Ronald Patrick - Devon Representative
Ginger Collisson - Leduc Representative
Elizabeth Leeb - New Sarepta Representative
Darlene Shield - Beaumont Representative
Mayor Tanni Doblanko
Councillor Kelly-Lynn Lewis

The following committee members sent regrets:

Donna Eklund – Calmar Representative
Tasha Harrop – Warburg 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 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Kelly-Lynn Lewis - that the minutes of the November 14, 2018 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson

Upon calls for nominations for Chairperson, Kelly-Lynn Lewis nominated Tanni Doblanko. Nominations were called a second and third time. No further nominations were received.

Motion: Ginger Collisson – that nominations for Chairperson cease.

Carried Unanimously

Tanni Doblanko declared Chairperson by acclamation.

Vice Chairperson

Upon calls for nominations for Vice Chairperson, Ronald Patrick let his name stand. Nominations were called a second and third time. No further nominations were received.

Motion: Kelly-Lynn Lewis – that nominations for Vice-Chairperson cease.

Carried Unanimously

Ronald Patrick declared Vice Chairperson by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Appointments

The following board members have been appointed to PRAC:

Devon – Ronald Patrick – term expiring December 31, 2020

Warburg – Tasha Harrop - term expiring December 31, 2020

Donna Eklund has stepped down as the Calmar Representative for PRAC. An appointment for a new representative will be sought at the next Calmar Rural Recreation Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Cultural Grants Review

A copy of Arts and Culture Grant Funding Application Summary 2019 was distributed for review. Andrea Oneski reviewed the criteria for funding and the timeline/process. For 2019, \$15,000 grant funding is available with a maximum of \$1,500 for project funding and a maximum of \$250 for operating. Recommendations for funding will go to Leduc County Council on March 26, 2019 for formal approval and adoption.

The grant applications were reviewed and amounts were awarded to successful applicants for a total of \$11,650. It was recommended that the remaining amount of \$3,350 be held in reserve to be allocated at a later date.

Motion: Tracy Musson/Ronald Patrick – PRAC recommends that Leduc County Council approves funding in the amount of \$11,650 for the Arts and Culture Grant to the following applicants and to carry the reserve of \$3,350 to be awarded to qualifying organizations upon County Council approval:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Community Group</u>	<u>Event/Operating Description</u>
\$1,500	AB Institute of Mentors & Builders for Tomorrow	LEGO Days
\$250	AB Zirka Performers	Operating expenses
\$1,500	Beaumont Society for the Arts	Theatrical Stage Production
\$250	Devon Historical Society	Operating expenses
\$1,000	Leduc 4-H Beef Club	Achievement Day
\$1,000	Looma Light Horse 4-H Club	Clinic
\$1,500	New Sarepta Family Enrichment Assoc.	Kids Circus Workshop
\$1,000	Piatta Forma Singers Society	Spring performance
\$1,000	Rolly View 4-H Dairy Club	Achievement Day
\$900	Rundle's Mission Society	National Indigenous Day
\$500	Telford Community Club	Harvest supper
\$250	Whoop It Up 4-H Club	Team building event
\$1,000	Wilton Park Community Assoc.	Family arts and crafts program

Carried Unanimously

Cost Share Capital Summaries

A copy of the 2019 Recreation Cost Share Capital Plan Recommendation was distributed for information.

Leduc County supports the services of recreation and libraries across the region through the Cost Share Agreements. This program supports annual operations as well as facility upgrades and capital projects. The following is a list of projects that Leduc County will support in 2019 for a total of approximately \$366,000.

Beaumont: Ken Nichol Arena Roofing Phase 1 (\$14,346) and athletic fields (\$24,583).

Calmar: Arena improvements (\$83,073) and athletic field development (\$71,205).

Thorsby: Complex improvements (\$34,174).

Warburg: Library washroom improvements (\$3,700).

Leduc: Various projects (134,739).

Healthy Communities Initiative

On behalf of the Hamlet of New Sarepta, Leduc County is one of the regions selected from 60 rural Alberta communities to take part in the three year Alberta Healthy Communities (AHC) Initiative.

The AHC Initiative will provide New Sarepta the opportunity to create or enhance local partnerships to address community wellness. The vision of this initiative is to create a healthier, more engaged community. The AHC provides a platform for community-centered, evidence-based action using local community data, thereby developing initiatives tailored to New Sarepta's unique assets and opportunities. Along with resources and facilitators, this initiative comes with a \$20,000 grant to be used for community initiatives that are identified through the community engagement process.

The Town of Thorsby has also been awarded an AHC Initiative grant.

Winter Try It Festival Update

The Wizard Lake Watershed Lake Stewardship Association and Leduc County hosted the "Winter Try It Festival" which was held on Saturday February 16, 2019 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Jubilee Park Campground day-use area.

The festival was well attended with 190 participants even though it was a very cold day. Over 20 volunteers helped out. All of the activities were free. A shuttle vehicle was donated by Enterprise which shuttled participants from overflow parking to the day-use area. This event will be hosted for two more years as a result of the grant the Wizard Lake Watershed Lake Stewardship Association received through the Alberta Summer Games Legacy fund.

Vistas Parks Strategy

A copy of the Vistas Parks Strategy Recommendation was distributed for information. County Council approved the Vistas Parks Strategy at their February 26, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Throughout 2018, Leduc County worked with IBI Consulting to prepare a parks visioning strategy for the Vistas community. This document addresses the urban growth area adjacent to the City of Beaumont. This document will now be used as a guide and common vision to future Leduc County community developments. Developers/land owners will reference the strategy in preparing their outline plans, subdivisions and developments. The community can reference this document as a way to understand the future goals and direction of development in the Vistas area. The full document is available on the Leduc County website.

REPORTS

Department Activity Reports and Correspondence

A copy of the Department Activity Report 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 June 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined.

Information Items

Not any.

Adjournment

Motion: Ronald Patrick – that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Carried Unanimously



Chairperson



Director