
MEMBERS PRESENT

Shane Hanson, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Jim Sands, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Mark Visscher, Lacombe County Representative
Kayla Marquis, Public at Large
Trent Kroetsch, Public at Large
Shauna Sawchuk, Public at Large
Louise Rellis, Public at Large
Steven Haraldson, Public at Large

OTHERS ATTENDING

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager
Jeff Heindel, Parks and Facilities Manager
Kurt Jensen, Sports and Events Coordinator

REGRETS

None

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Director Kreklewich welcomed all attending and called the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Councillor Hanson moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty 6 territory.

PRESENTATIONS

ChizCorner

Representatives from ChizCorner provided a presentation on their submission for the Eagle Builders Centre Lease Space 2.

Nick Young

Nick Young provided a presentation on his submission for the Eagle Builders Centre Lease Space 2.

Twerdo Holdings Inc.

Twerdo Holdings Inc. provided a presentation on their submission for the Eagle Builders Centre Lease Space 2.

Optimist Club of Blackfalds

Members of the Optimist Club of Blackfalds provided a presentation on a fundraising initiative for a toddler playground within Blackfalds. This initiative will be brought forward to a future Council Meeting.

BUSINESS

Board Nominations

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board by acclamation, appointed Member at Large Kroetsch as Chair and Member at Large Rellis as Vice-Chair.

Member at Large Kroetsch moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Board nominations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

Member at Large Visscher moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Minutes from December 3, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arena Lease Proposals Discussion

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board discussed the proposals and what was presented.

Member at Large Kroetsch moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to enter into a Lease Agreement with Nick Young to operate a skate-sharpening and sporting-goods business in Lease Space 2 at the Eagle Builders Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant Program Discussion

Member Kroetsch brought forward discussion about the Community Initiatives Grant to help open and ease the application and evaluation process. Administration will revisit the grant guidelines and the Council Policy and propose changes for the Board to review.

Community Initiatives Grant – U18A Provincial Championships – Blackfalds Minor Hockey

The U18A Provincial Championship Committee from Blackfalds Minor Hockey provided a Community Initiatives Grant application requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting costs related to materials (raffle, merchandise, printing, swag, player gifts/awards, etc.), music/announcing for all games, photographer, advertising, ice fees, official fees, banquet costs and Hockey Alberta Rep. costs.

Councillor Hanson moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to provide grant funding of \$2,500 to the Blackfalds Minor Hockey Association for the U18A Provincial Championships from the Community Initiatives Grant a total of \$2,500 from the Community Initiatives Grant for their event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Revised Ice Allocation Policy

Administration made some changes to the Administrative Procedure related to ice allocation. The RCP Board suggested changes to the priority order to include regional organizations with representation of participants from Blackfalds and without. The Policy will be brought forward to Council at a later meeting.

Member at Large Rellis moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to amend the Ice Allocation Policy priority to add the regional organizations with and without representation of Blackfalds participants and bring forward to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RCP Board Meeting Schedule

The RCP Board discussed setting a meeting schedule to

Member at Large Kroetsch brought forward this item to formalize the RCP Board meeting schedule to a minimum of September, December, March and June of each year.

Recreation Master Plan Review

The Recreation Master Plan was provided to the RCP Board. It was developed in 2015 and the community is due for a new Recreation Master Plan as it is over 10 years old. It is linked on our website for anyone to view.

Abbey Centre Update

- Manager Simpson presented the monthly highlights

Parks and Facilities Update

- Manager Heindel presented the monthly highlights

EBC & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update

- Manager Barnes presented the monthly highlights

Council Update

Member at Large Kroetsch brought forward this item to receive a follow up to decisions made at Council that pertain the RCP Board.

MINUTES

Member at Large Visscher moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend that our Council representatives converse with the Mayor to determine if our Council representatives can relay information from Council Meetings to the RCP Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board received the items as information.

Chair Kroetsch adjourned the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board Meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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Trent Kroetsch, Chair

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Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services