



**PUBLIC MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 5:14 p.m.
Scoop Lewry Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor Chris Warren, City Council
Mr. Dave Richards, Citizen-at-Large
Mr. Rece Allen, Citizen-at-Large
Mr. John Parsons, Citizen-at-Large
Ms. Nicole Walchuk, Citizen-at-Large
Mr. Mark Hanson, Citizen-at-Large
Mr. Kim Robinson, Citizen-at-Large
Mr. Brian Sykora, Citizen-at-Large

ABSENT: Ms. Marianne Mann, Citizen-at-Large

ALSO PRESENT: Derek Blais, Director of Parks & Recreation
Scott Osmachenko, Recreation Services Manager
Cory Oakes, Operations Manager
Kendra Watterson, Recording Secretary

PART 1 - NO APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Call to Order

Kim Robinson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

PART 2 - NO APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Adoption of Agenda

Moved by John Parsons
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

PART 3 - NO APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Adoption of the Minutes – June 5, 2019

Moved by Dave Richards
THAT the June 5, 2019 minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee be received as presented.

Carried.

PART 4 – NO APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: 2nd Quarter Report April 1 to June 30, 2019

Considered was the Parks and Recreation 2nd Quarter Report April 1 to June 30, 2019.

Moved by John Parsons

THAT the Parks and Recreation 2nd Quarter Report April 1 to June 30, 2019, be received and filed.

Carried.

PART 5 – APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: 2020 Cemetery Rates – Report dated September 18, 2019

Considered was the 2020 Cemetery Rates – report dated September 18, 2019.

Cory Oakes, Operations Manager, briefed the Committee on the cemetery rates and reviewed the report along with the rate review attachments.

Moved by Rece Allen

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to City Council that the 2020 Cemetery Rates be approved substantially in the form attached to the report as Schedule “A”; and

THAT the rates be made effective January 1, 2020

Carried.

PART 6 – APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: 2020 Parks & Recreation Rates & Fees - Report dated September 18, 2019

Considered was the 2020 Parks & Recreation Rates & Fees - Report dated September 18, 2019.

Scott Osmachenko, Recreation Services Manager, presented the report along with the rate review attachments. It was also indicated to the committee that changes would be made to the cost recovery calculations, prior to submitting the report to City Council, as budget submissions are still being finalized.

Moved by Dave Richards

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to City Council that the 2020 Parks and Recreation Rates and Fees be approved substantially in the form attached to the report as Schedule “A”; and

THAT the rates be made effective April 1, 2020

Carried.

PART 7 – NO APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Other Business – Questions submitted by Committee Members

7.1 Impact of new recreation rates on Sportsplex Attendance

Scott Osmachenko, Recreation Services Manager, briefed the Committee on the positive impact of the implementation of the new membership rates and Recreation Pass. The Parks & Recreation Department has generated over \$70,000 in membership revenue from January to September and seen a significant increase to aquatic memberships. This has resulted in considerable increases to facility usage and while positive, has also caused issues with allocating pool space. Changes have been made to program schedules and additional instructors and class times will need to be added and adjusted. Yara Centre fitness classes have also increased and may result in offering additional class times.

7.2 Biking/Walking access to Yara Centre from North and East

Derek Blais, Director of Parks & Recreation, briefed the committee on the implementation of the City's trails master plan which will include a list of connection and accessibility issues in attending city recreational facilities. The master plan will assist the department in prioritizing issues that can be addressed as funds become available.

7.3 City Council to review Advisory Committees

Derek Blais, Director of Parks & Recreation, advised the Committee that the City Clerk's Department will be presenting a report at an upcoming City Council meeting with recommendations to restructure the various council advisory committees. The restructuring may result in some committees amalgamating to better utilize volunteer time and cover more topics at each meeting.

PART 8 - NO APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Updates

Scott Osmachenko, Recreation Services Manager, provided the Committee verbal updates on the following:

- The new Outdoor Rink program will be implemented in 2019/20 and the department is working on a communication plan for the public.
- The Community Grant Program application deadline is the end of November and a media release has been distributed.
- The 2019 Playground Program was a huge success with approximately 3,000 more participants over 2018. The new spray park at East End contributed to the majority of new attendees.

- With the addition of Yara Centre to the Parks & Recreation Department, marketing through Facebook and Instagram is being combined and has added more opportunities related to staff, programs and ideas.
- Senior's Fitness Games donated \$8,900 to the department for stationary outdoor fitness equipment in Crescent Park which will be installed near the playground in 2020.

Cory Oakes, Operations Manager, provided the Committee verbal updates on the following:

- The Parks division is reviewing and updating the Cemetery Bylaw and Monument Regulations and will be presenting a report to City Council in the near future.
- The Boulevard Bylaw is also being reviewed.
- The department is working on a Tree Protection Bylaw to help protect our Urban Forest and will be bringing forward a report to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee in the near future.
- The new Marquee at the Moose Jaw Cultural Centre has been installed.
- Crescent Park upgrades that have been completed or are underway include the installation of a crusher dust pathway along 3rd Avenue, the removal of some of the old fencing along Athabasca St., repairs to the bricks on the water fountain and dredging of the serpentine which has improved the flow of water.
- The Crescent Park Foundation has also funded the addition of a multi-use concrete pad near the Amphitheatre and accessibility upgrades to the washrooms inside the Amphitheatre.
- The West outdoor soccer field at the Yara Centre has been re-graded and hydro seeded and will be operational by 2021.
- New outdoor site furniture was added at the Kinsmen Sportsplex and new shrubs have been planted to improve the front landscaping.
- 6 new large cedar park signs are being installed this year which will replace some of the old faded signage that is currently displayed.

John Parsons left the meeting at 6:27pm

Derek Blais, Director of Parks & Recreation, provided the Committee verbal updates on the following:

- The Trails Master Plan is still in progress. All trails amenities such as signs, garbage cans, etc. have been GIS mapped. Public consultation has begun with a survey with nearly 500 household responses. First draft of the plan will be coming in the near future.
- The department continues to work on updating many user agreements and has implemented new agreements with Minor Football and the Moose Jaw Kinsmen Flying Fins.
- The department is still awaiting confirmation from the Province to proceed with the Sportsplex upgrades that were identified with the additional gas tax funding. The upgrades will be completed in 2020 and include the

restoration of the upper-built roof, replacement of the fire suppression system on the arena side and renovations to the pool changerooms and front counter.

- The department is working through maintenance concerns brought forward by residents in Iron Bridge.
- Residents in West Park have formed a West Park Community Association which will fundraise for recreation and park amenities in their neighborhood. Amenities being explored include a basketball court, outdoor rink, playground expansion and spray park. The association will present a proposal to City Council on October 15.
- Sunningdale Community park clean-up was scheduled for tomorrow but has been postponed due to weather.
- A full review of the Parks division operations is underway. The department is exploring ways to reallocate resources to better address community needs. A dedicated urban forestry crew and pest control are some of the areas of focus.
- The YMCA of Moose Jaw ceased operations at the end of June. The building has been turned back to the City and a report was brought to City Council with options regarding the future of the building. No final decisions have been made to this point.

PART 9 – NO APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REQUIRED

Re: Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19th at 5:15 p.m.**

Moved by Mark Hanson
THAT the meeting now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Chairperson

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Jim Puffalt

City Manager

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Fraser Tolmie

Mayor