

LACOMBE AND DISTRICT RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURE BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 5PM

Present: Ken Wigmore, County Councillor (left at 6:38PM)
Dani Ducross, City Representative (Left at 6:30PM)
Diana Wiebe, City Representative
Marisa Jackson, City Representative
Ameerah Geisbrecht, Student Representative
Emma Vockeroth, City Representative (Vice Chairperson) – on phone
Martin Sherrer, County Representative (Chairperson)
Sandi Stewart, Recreation and Culture Manager
Sonya Beauclair, Recreation & Culture Assistant

Guests: Don Gustafson – LAPA (Left at 5:32PM)
Greg Dellezay – LAPA (Left at 5:32PM)
Darren Berg – LAPA (Left at 5:32PM)
Diane Hayduk – LAPA (Left at 5:32PM)
Darren Gagnon – LAPA. (Arrived at 5:15PM and left at 5:32PM)
Teresa Johnson - visitor

Regrets: Jonathan Jacobson, City Councillor
Kirstin Bouwsema, *County Representative*

1. Call to order/Introductions

Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00PM
Introductions took place.

2. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

- Table 5.12 to November's agenda

Moved by Marissa Jackson that the agenda for September 18, 2019 be adopted as amended

CARRIED *unanimously*

3. Adoption of June 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Ken Wigmore that the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting of the Lacombe and District Recreation, Parks and Culture Board be approved as presented

CARRIED *unanimously*

4. Presentations/Correspondence

4.0 LAPA

- Darren Berg reviewed the LAPA report
- \$2,000,000 donation from MEGlobal. \$1.5 million to expand field house and build track, the rest is to be used to sustain long term operations
- They are applying for ICIP and CFEP grants
- There is a Fundraising Committee and they are aiming to raise \$750,000 to help pay for the facility. They are planning a major fundraising event for 2020 that will be announced in October. They have been selling seats in the stands to help raise funds and will be looking at selling naming rights for various components of the track. The School Divisions contributes \$1000 annually.
- The Board asked if the running groups are going to be contributing to the track, and how much community buy-in is there? There are runners on the LAPA Board and their fundraising committee.
- The track would be an elite facility and could host international competitions.
- A Board member noted that we are very fortunate to have ME Global in our area and the Boards vision.

Moved by Marissa Jackson to accept the presentation as information

CARRIED Unanimously

4.1 Maddox Dance Co. thank you card

- Sandi passed around the thank you card from Maddox Dance Co

4.2 Emma-joy Pocock thank you card

- Sandi passed around the thank you card from Emma-joy Pocock

5. Ongoing Business

5.0 Facility Rental Assistance Grant (\$3847.60)

- Sandi encouraged the Board to share this grant with any groups that are showing a financial hardship when renting a City facility.

5.1 Rec and Culture Grant

5.1.1 Historical Society Final Repot

- A Board member noticed that they charged a fee for the photos on Canada day and the booth was well attended.

Moved by Dani Ducross that the Board table item 5.1.1. until administration receives an update on why the program ran with such a deficit

CARRIED Unanimously

5.2 Community Builder Partnership Grant – Lacombe Performing Arts Centre Foundation

- Sandi reviewed the memo with the Board, LPACF is asking for 25% of the purchase price of the Trinity Lutheran Church, \$140,937.50.
- The application is not in accordance with the policy's timeline but meets all the other requirements of the grant. LPACF had sent a letter to Rec Board in June indicating their interest in applying for the grant.
- The applications fits well with the Recreation and Culture Master Plan.

- There has only been one other application for the Community Builder Partnership Grant, it was from Lacombe Athletic Park Association in 2017 for \$43,750 for their basketball court
- The cost of the building has come down substantially since LPACF first expressed interest in purchasing the church.
- The Board wondered if the Lacombe County contribution was confirmed yet, and Sandi explained that it wasn't as the County likes groups to ask the City first.
- The tenant rental increases because LPACF is only collecting rent for a couple months of 2019 and in 2020 they will receive money for the entire year.

Moved by Martin Sherrer that the Board recommends Council approve the Lacombe Performing Arts Centre Foundation Community Builder Partnership grant application for \$140,937.50 at their September 23, 2019 meeting, notwithstanding the variance from policy timelines

CARRIED
1 abstained

5.3 Grandfathered Events

- Sandi reviewed the current grandfathered events, and explained to proposed additions.

Moved by Ken Wigmore that the Board recommends Council include Big Brothers Big Sisters annual Great Big Christmas Dinner, FCSS monthly Backyard Friends Community Dinners, and Special Olympics Annual Athlete Awards and Volunteer Appreciation Banquet and Dance in the LMC grandfathered events starting in 2020.

CARRIED *unanimously*

5.4 ARPA Conference

- Kirstin will be attending as the Rec Board Rep
- Jonathan has registered as a council rep.

6. New Business

6.0 Trail Development Plan Priorities

- Sandi reviewed some of the planned trails and which ones Bill's Trail Society believe should be made a priority. Part of the Elizabeth Lake and Lake Anne Trail Loop are on private property. If it is a priority the city can try to work with the landowner to make the trail complete.
- Could check if Nova Chemicals sponsors boardwalks to help connect trails as a Board member had heard they sometimes do.
- A Board member mentioned that there are no sidewalks or trails connecting Mackenzie Ranch to the schools or the rest of Lacombe. However, there are future trail plans corresponding with area development.

Moved by Dani Ducross that the Board recommend the following trails be priorities for development:

- 1) Complete Elizabeth Lake/Lake Anne loop
- 2) Connection of Westview, through Westview playground, down to Westview trails

CARRIED *unanimously*

7. Information

7.0 Recreation Service Monthly Report

- Reviewed some highlights from the reports

7.1 Kinsmen Aquatic Centre 2017 final Stats

- Noted that pool users can use their annual pass at Burman while the pool is in shut down.

7.2 OH&S Workshop – October 1st

- Sandi shared the information on the workshop with the Board

7.3 Supervising Volunteers Workshop - October 18th

- Sandi shared the information on the workshop with the Board

7.4 Board Meeting Evaluation from March 20, 2018

- Reviewed some of the comments from the last evaluation.

Moved by Ken Wigmore that the Board accept the reports as information

CARRIED *unanimously*

7.5 Other/Round Table

- **Marisa:** Slo-pitch is running until the end of September and volleyball starts October 8th. Ladies Floor Hockey is running on Monday nights at the Upper Elementary School from 8-9pm
- **Diana:** Kids have been busy; some Gaga Ball (Wilson Ball) courts were built at the Lacombe Jr. High School.
- **Martin:** curling hasn't started yet and fastball ended in July
- **Ameerah:** Just starting back to school and not to many events happening yet
- **Teresa (guest):** Very excited the board is talking about trails as they use them a lot.

8. Next Meeting

November 19, 2019 5PM, City Hall Conference Room

9. Adjournment

Moved by Marissa Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 6:47PM