

# RECREATION, CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 12:00 noon

Council Chambers

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**Members Present:** Councillor Jackie Dube (Chair)  
Councillor Tony McCormick  
Councillor Vic Beland  
Darren Ottaway, Chief Administrative Officer  
Diane Butterworth, Recreation Co-Ordinator  
Vangie Wiseman, Tourism Centre Co-Coordinator  
Lisa Brown, Executive Assistant

**Regrets:** Duane Didow, Recreation Director

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Dube called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

## 3.0 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

### 3.1 Recreation Directors Month End Report

D. Butterworth, Acting Manager of Recreation, Culture, and Heritage made a verbal presentation of the written report for the month of March. The following points were highlighted:

- Site Visit to Park City, Utah
- New hires
- Operations
- Aquatics
- Programs and Events
- Maintenance
- Administration
- Meetings
- Facility Renovations

D. Butterworth said she is attending a conference in Washington D.C. next week for Alpine Mountain Trails. Councillor Dube asked how much the trip will cost. D. Ottaway said the costs will be minimal, under \$1,000. This item is in the budget under training.

Councillor Dube asked if we have funding for the Deathfest. D. Ottaway said there is an Operating Budget for the festival, but organizers are looking for sponsors as well. The midway activities will cost approximately \$16,000, but we have a corporate sponsor who is paying the entire amount. They have requested that local not-for-profit groups be given the opportunity to run the individual activities by providing the people to staff the activity and in turn, the group can charge a reasonable price and keep all the proceeds. There are a number of events planned, including an outdoor concert. Councillor Beland asked how many days the midway will operate. D. Butterworth said two days. D. Ottaway clarified that they will begin on Thursday and run to Sunday. He described the events for the weekend.

Milner Power has agreed to donate money towards equipment for the fitness center.

Councillor Dube asked if the childcare program at the Rec Centre has started. D. Butterworth said she is attending a meeting in that regard later today. She told the Committee that the Recreation Department doesn't take over this program until April 1.

Councillor McCormick told D. Butterworth that the gate for the zamboni in the arena needs to be repaired. He said that it looks like it was hit, and the boards are out of line. This could cause serious injury if it is not fixed. D. Butterworth said she will investigate.

D. Ottaway told the Committee that the concern with the Park City site visit was paid for by the EDS group and will not be billed to the Town. Minimal costs for meals were incurred.

D. Ottaway said that there has been plenty of feedback on the cleanliness at the Rec Centre. He said the staff is working on a maintenance/cleaning schedule. He expects continuing improvement.

Councillor McCormick brought forth a concern regarding staff working from ladders. He suggested that staff take 'fall arrest' training. D. Butterworth will check into the training.

### **3.2 Tourism Centre Managers Month End Report**

V. Wiseman, Coordinator of the Tourism Centre, gave a verbal overview of her written report. The following points were highlighted:

- Gift Show in Edmonton
- Industrial area development behind Tourism Centre
- Dinosaur Tracks
- Visiting Scientist Event
- STEP application
- Tourism Packages
- Roof leaking
- Room rentals
- Death Race display
- Visitors
- Meetings Attended

Councillor Dube said she received several complaints regarding the Town using tax dollars for staff to attend a gift show in Edmonton and purchasing inventory to compete with local businesses. V. Wiseman explained the products that were ordered, they are named branded (with Grande Cache) and geared towards tourists. She was also able to do a lot of networking. Councillor McCormick said there was some misunderstanding with purchasing inventory, why wait to attend the show to order.

V. Wiseman expressed concern with the industrial area development behind the Tourism Centre. She said the trees have been removed and the development has wiped out the Aspen Trail, and the road is very close to the cabins and Bird's Eye View Park.

V. Wiseman said that the mine is willing to draft an agreement for road access to the dinosaur tracks. She said applications have been submitted for the STEP program. Councillor Dube asked if the Chamber of Commerce applied. V. Wiseman said she was told that organization no longer exists.

Councillor Dube asked if V. Wiseman spoke with the Grande Cache Institute regarding their bike repair program, and maybe have a bike mounted in the Centre with information for this program. V. Wiseman spoke with the warden, and will be making arrangements.

The Pierre Grey Lakes Recreation Area has been upgraded to a Provincial Park.

The Tourism Centre will be taking over bookings for Camp Hide-a-Way. D. Ottaway explained the take over process, and added that the campground will be next. He said that he spoke with AWN and they want to create a partnership for Camp Hide-a-Way.

#### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, re: 2007 Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Operating Grant Program**

Information item. Councillor McCormick said campground reservations should be discussed with all of Council.

##### **4.2 Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, re: Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) 2007**

Information item.

##### **4.3 Barr Ryder Architects & Interior Designers, re: Recreation Centre – Pool**

Information item.

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**4.5 Disc Golf Course Proposal**

Information item. D. Ottaway explained this proposal was undertaken by a Rec staff member, and the intent is to utilize the fire breaks for the course. Councillor Dube said she would like to pursue this further.

**4.6 Canada Day Activities**

D. Butterworth said she is currently working on various events, and explained some of the projected activities. Councillor Dube expressed concern with the Metis Local request to set up a beer garden in the tennis court area. She said these activities are more family oriented, and it is not a good idea to have this type of event in the middle of everything else. D. Ottaway said there were no beer gardens last year on Canada Day.

**ACTION: Decline outside beer garden request, and ask the Metis Local or Legion to host this type of event inside a building.**

**4.7 Skateboard Park Information**

Councillor Dube distributed information from Brand X. Councillor McCormick expressed his frustration with the additional delay in the park development. He said all the background work has been done. Discussion on Skateboard Park development.

**5.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**5.1 Proposal for Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (GCMYAC)**

D. Butterworth told the Committee that a presentation will be ready for the next Council meeting.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the committee will be held Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 12:00 noon in Council Chambers.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm.