



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 24, 2015 - 6:00 PM Council Chambers – City Hall

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting (attachment)

3. Delegations

Those individuals in attendance at the meeting will be provided with an opportunity to address Council regarding an item on the agenda, with the exception of those items for which a Public Hearing is required or has been held. Each individual will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes.

4. Unfinished Business

- 4.1 Recreation Access Program Barb Shuman (attachment)

5. New Business

- 5.1 Beaver Hills Initiative Matthew Siddons / Glen Lawrence, Chair, BHI / Dr. Guy Swinnerton, Professor, UofA (attachment)
- 5.2 City Naming Registry Brenda Molter

(attachment)

5.3 Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee Appointment

Brenda
Molter
(attachment)

6. Bylaws

7. Mayor and Councillors Boards/Committees

8. Administrative Inquiries

9. Notice of Motion

10. Adjournment



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers – City Hall

Present:

Members of Council:

Mayor Gale Katchur
Councillor Birgit Blizzard (via telephone)
Councillor Sheldon Bossert
Councillor Frank Garritsen
Councillor Stew Hennig
Councillor Arjun Randhawa
Councillor Ed Sperling

Administration:

Kelly Kloss, City Manager
Troy Fleming, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services
Brenda Rauckman, General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services
Sheryl Exley, Acting Director, Legislative Services
Wendy Kinsella, Director, Communications and Marketing
Janel Smith-Duguid, Director, Planning & Development
James Clark, Fire Chief
Susan Morrissey, Director, Finance
Mike Erickson, Economic Development Officer
Reade Beaudoin, Digital Media Coordinator
Dorothy MacMillan, Legislative Officer

In accordance with Section 199 of the *Municipal Government Act*, notice is hereby given that telephone conferencing will be used to connect Councillor Blizzard from a remote location.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Katchur called the regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

R30-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the minutes of the January 27, 2015 regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Delegations

None

4. Presentations

4.1 2014 Year End Audit Planning Report

Presented by: John Stelter, CA and Concurring Partner, KPMG LLP

John Stelter, CA and Concurring Partner, with KPMG LLP was in attendance to present the 2014 Audit Planning Report for the City of Fort Saskatchewan to Council.

Mayor Katchur thank Mr. Stelter for his presentation.

4.2 Retail Market and Gap Analysis Findings

Presented by: Mike Erickson, Economic Development Officer and Kieron Hunt, Cushing Terrell Architecture Inc.

Mike Erickson, Economic Development Officer and Kieron Hunt, Cushing Terrell Architecture Inc. were in attendance to provide Council information on the summary findings from the Fort Saskatchewan Retail Market and Gap Analysis.

Mayor Katchur thanked Mr. Erickson and Mr. Hunt for their presentation.

5. New Business

5.1 Subdivision of Old Health Care Centre Site

Presented by: Mike Erickson, Economic Development Officer

R31-15

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that Council authorize the City of Fort Saskatchewan to subdivide a portion of City-owned land, legally described as Lot A, Plan 911 NY, subject to the Tentative Subdivision Plan attached as Appendix A to the Council Report dated February 4, 2015.

In Favour: Stew Hennig, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Arjun Randhawa

CARRIED

6. Bylaws

6.1 Bylaw C4-15 - Emergency Management Bylaw - 3 readings

Presented by: James Clark, Fire Chief

R32-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council give first reading to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R33-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council give second reading to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R34-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council provide unanimous consent to proceed with third and final reading to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R35-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council give third reading to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 7:21 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

6.2 Bylaw C5-15 to Amend Land Use Bylaw C10-13 by Redistricting a Portion of SE 1/4 Section of 19-54-22-W4M and a Portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 022 6974 from UR - Urban Reserve District to RC - Comprehensively Planned Residential District, R3 - Small Lot Residential District, and DC(A)-07 - Direct Control - Residential (Southfort Meadows Stage 5) - Southfort Meadows Stage 4 and 5 - 1st reading

Presented by: Janel Smith-Duguid, Director, Planning & Development and Andrew Usenik, Development Manager, Strata Development Corp.

R36-15

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that Council give first reading to Bylaw C5-15 to amend Land Use Bylaw C10-13 by redistricting a Portion of SE ¼ Section of 19-54-22-W4M and a Portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 022 6974 from UR - Urban Reserve District to RC – Comprehensively Planned Residential District, R3 – Small Lot Residential District, and DC(A)-07 - Direct Control – Residential (Southfort Meadows Stage 4 and 5).

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Sheldon Bossert

Against: Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Ed Sperling

CARRIED

6.3 Bylaw C6-15 - 2015 Supplementary Assessment Bylaw - 3 readings

Presented by: Susan Morrissey, Director, Finance

R37-15

MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that Council give first reading to Bylaw C6-15, which authorizes the preparation of supplementary assessments for improvements within the municipality.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R38-15

MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that Council give second reading to Bylaw C6-15, which authorizes the preparation of supplementary assessments for improvements within the municipality.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R39-15

MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that Council provide unanimous consent to proceed with third and final reading to Bylaw C6-15, which authorizes the preparation of supplementary assessments for improvements within the municipality.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R40-15 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that Council give third reading to Bylaw C6-15, which authorizes the preparation of supplementary assessments for improvements within the municipality.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Bylaw C7-15 - Incur Indebtness by the Issuance of Debentures to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority for the Purpose of Sewer Service Reline Construction - 1st reading
Presented by: Susan Morrissey, Director, Finance

R41-15 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that Council give first reading to Bylaw C7-15 to incur indebtedness by the issuance of Debentures to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority for the purpose of sewer service reline construction, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Mayor and Councillors Boards/Committees Update

Members of Council provided an update on current and upcoming activities for Boards/Committees.

8. Administrative Inquiries

Members of Council were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide concerns and comments.

9. Notice of Motion

None.

10. Adjournment

R42-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard,
Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Acting Director, Legislative Services

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Proposed Recreation Access Program

Motion:

That Council approve the Recreation Access Program, in principle, with funding to implement the program being considered as part of the 2016 Budget deliberations.

Purpose:

To provide Council with information on the proposed Recreation Access Program.

Background:

Council approved the following motion at the November 25, 2014 regular Council meeting:

“That Council direct Administration to establish a proposal for the implementation of a future Recreation Access Program for consideration at a future Council meeting. The intent of the Recreation Access Program would be to provide a discounted monthly pass for Fort Saskatchewan residents who fall below the Low Income Cut-off Line, as determined by Statistics Canada. Approved applicants would be permitted to buy one recreation pass each month for each family member in their home.

This proposal should include the following guidelines:

- Separate recreation passes for youth, adult and seniors; and
- A subsidy amount of 90% for the purchase of the recreation pass.”

The Recreation Department is aware of the need for access to our recreation facilities and programs by those residents who are not able to, due to limited income. The City received almost 100 inquiries last year from residents who are currently unable to access City programs and facilities, due to financial reasons.

A draft document, attached as Appendix A, has been prepared by the Recreation Department, and proposes a Recreation Access Program for the residents of Fort Saskatchewan. The document was created based on criteria used by surrounding municipalities that are successfully running similar programs. The City also consulted with and have the support of other community groups, such as Families First Society and KidSport.

Implementation of this Program will involve working with Family and Community Support Services, Families First Society, Primary Care Network, KidSport, and other community agencies.

A communication plan will be developed once a decision has been made, whether to proceed with the Recreation Access Program.

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

Community Sustainability Plan: As part of being a welcoming community (Principle A), we strive to ensure that our residents have a variety of recreation opportunities to choose from, and that these opportunities are available to all residents.

In order to build a community with spirit (Principle B), we want to encourage our residents to actively participate in recreation throughout the community. By alleviating as many barriers as possible, we will allow them to take advantage of the many recreational opportunities that the City of Fort Saskatchewan has to offer and in turn, this will assist residents to have their daily needs met within their community (Principle F).

Next Steps:

Consideration of the Recreation Access Program will be included as a new initiative budget request for the 2016 Budget deliberations.

Financial Implications:

As outlined during the 2015 Budget deliberations introduction of new major programs such as the Recreation Access Program would require an increase of one staff position. As previously outlined during the budget, this Program would be one aspect within of a number of responsibilities for that staff position. In order to launch and implement the Program it would take in excess of 100 hours, and approximately 20 hours per month to maintain.

The anticipated costs of the actual Recreation Access Program are:

- \$25,000 - Program creation and implementation (one time).
- \$5,000 - Communication and Marketing Program to reach target audience (ongoing). This includes hard costs, such as advertising and brochures, and staffing costs for the Communications and Marketing Department.
- \$20,000 – Annual subsidy based on Program estimate usage.

The City has received some interest from potential sponsors of the Program and if the resources to implement are approved as part of the 2016 Budget, further discussion would occur with those sponsors.

Enclosures:

Appendix A – Proposed Fort Recreation Access Program.

File No.:

Prepared by:	Barb Shuman Director, Recreation	Date: February 17, 2015
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Approved by:	Troy Fleming General Manager, Infrastructure and Community Services	Date: February 19, 2015
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Reviewed by:	Kelly Kloss City Manager	Date: February 19, 2015
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Submitted to:	City Council	Date: February 24, 2015
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Proposed Fort Recreation Access Program



CITY OF
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Prepared by Tanya Stilborn, Community Recreation Coordinator
Draft May 12-14; Update: Nov 26-14

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1. Introduction

The City of Fort Saskatchewan is a welcoming and inclusive community. We respect individual differences and recognize that people of all ages, abilities and cultures provide value to our community.

The Recreation Department is committed to increasing access and participation in recreation and leisure activities for Fort Saskatchewan residents as well as removing barriers by partnering with other community members to offer confidential financial assistance and accessibility programs. This will provide free and low cost recreation and leisure opportunities to individuals and families on limited incomes.

Accessible recreation improves the quality of our lives today, but it is also an investment in a healthy society for tomorrow. Accessible recreation for children, youth, adults and families can:

- provide young people with the chance to have fun, learn new skills and be with friends
- improve self-esteem, performance in school and relationships with family and friends
- expose children to positive role models
- help ease family pressures
- bring communities together and encourage people to volunteer
- help prevent or reduce disease, violent behaviour, smoking and substance abuse
- Keep individuals from feeling isolated and alone and can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression



Income levels are directly related to participation in physical exercise as studies show that individuals with greater economic resources have higher rates of participation. Research by Human Resources Development Canada found that 60 percent of children from very poor homes never participate in supervised sports and recreation activities, as compared to 27 percent of children in well-off homes, highlighting the role that unemployment, low income, over-crowded housing and high population makes.

The impact poverty has on recreation participation rates is a concern for Fort Saskatchewan given that a percentage of private households fall below Statistics Canada's low income cut-off. There are also well-documented links between the physical environment, peer-group socialization, and positive mental health, especially in deprived households (Cattell et al, 2008; Wickrama and Bryant, 2003).

If municipal recreation supports are reduced or eliminated, the overall prevalence of obesity (a precursor of diabetes and other chronic conditions) in children and youth is likely to increase over time. These negative health effects will be unequally distributed across the city. Even small increases in user fees can keep those who need community recreation services the most, from accessing vital activity and health-promoting programs. This does not just affect individual health, but creates significant pressures on Alberta's health services and an added burden on the economy in the future.

Our goal is to ensure that the citizens of Fort Saskatchewan have access to recreation and leisure opportunities and programs to enhance their quality of life, enjoyment of our community and participation to be a healthy, active member of society.

2. Fort Saskatchewan Overview

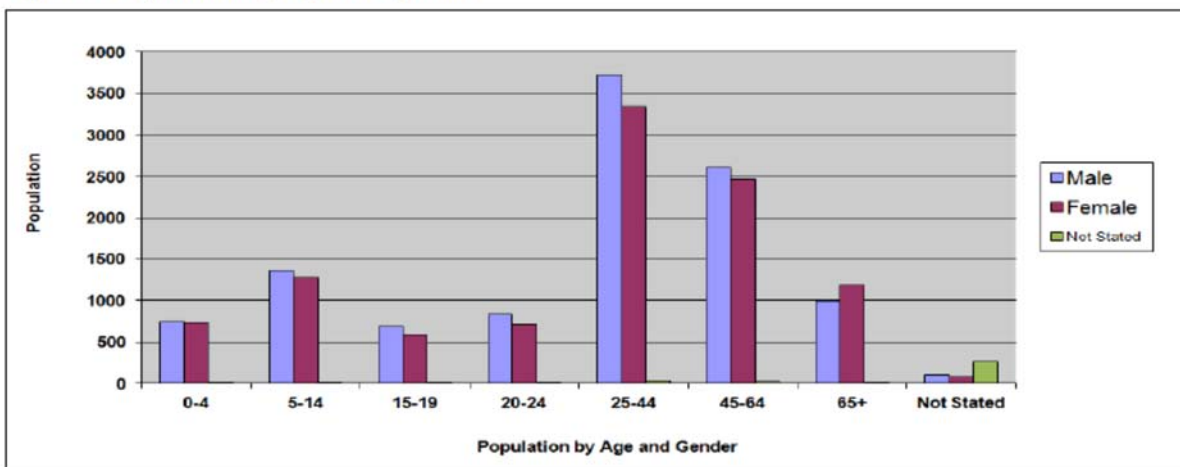
Fort Saskatchewan's 2013 population was 21,795. The city has demonstrated robust growth for the past decade, with an average annual growth rate of 5.01% since 2003. Based on the population forecast established by the Capital Region Growth Plan, Fort Saskatchewan is expected to grow at a rate of 2.3% annually, reaching a population of 38,840 by 2044. This growth rate is significantly higher than the projected overall growth rate of 1.3% for the entire Capital Region.



I. Population by Age and Gender

As shown in Figure 1 below, in 2013, the community's largest age cohort was 25 to 44 accounting for nearly 32.5% of Fort Saskatchewan's residents. The second largest age group was individuals between the ages of 0 - 24, accounting for nearly 31.8% of residents followed by 23.4% ages 45-64 and 12.3% at 65+.

Figure 1. Population by age and gender



II. Earnings

Earnings refers to employment income earned by individuals 15 years and older who worked full time. (Family income discussed above refers to total taxable income from all sources for all family members living together.)

The 2006 federal census reports on earnings received during 2005. The median earnings in Fort Saskatchewan were \$52,256, as shown in Table 1: Median Earnings in Fort Saskatchewan, 2005. This is considerably higher than provincial median of \$43,964.

Males in Fort Saskatchewan are also above the provincial median, while there is little difference in female earnings. The median income for women in Fort Saskatchewan is about half that of men.

Table 1 – Median Earnings in Fort Saskatchewan, 2005

	Total	Male	Female
Fort Sask.	\$52,256	\$67,273	\$35,189
Alberta	\$43,964	\$51,280	\$35,848

Source: Community Profile 2006, Statistics Canada

III. Total Income (Before Tax) by Family Type

As shown in Table 2: Total Income by Age and Family Type in Fort Saskatchewan, 2006, incomes are lowest for younger households under the age of 25 with single parents having the lowest median income (\$17,700), followed by individuals (\$18,300). Comparatively, couples under the age of 25 report total median incomes of \$49,500 – over double that of their non-couple counterparts.

Lone parent families see steady growth in median income up to retirement age, while individuals see incomes peak in the 35 to 44 age group.

In the 65+ age cohort, individuals have the lowest incomes (\$23,600) of all family types.

Table 2 – Total Income (Before Tax) by and Family Type in Fort Saskatchewan, 2006

Age Cohort	Couple Family (by age of older parent)		Lone Parent Family (by age of parent)		Individual	
	Number	Median Income	Number	Median Income	Number	Median Income
Age 0-24	110	\$49,500	30	\$17,700	410	\$18,300
Age 25-34	710	\$87,100	140	\$29,700	330	\$45,700
Age 35-44	1010	\$107,900	240	\$42,100	270	\$54,500
Age 45-54	1190	\$128,200	150	\$62,700	290	\$50,600
Age 55-64	890	\$105,600	50	\$80,300	250	\$38,300
Age 65+	680	\$55,900	40	\$63,000	670	\$23,600
Total	4590	\$99,900	660	\$42,500	2210	\$32,800

Source: Statistics Canada, Small Area and Administrative Data Division – Taxfiler Data (2006)

IV. Low Income Rates

The Low-Income Cut-Off (LICO) is an income threshold established annually by Statistics Canada through an analysis of family composition and expenditure data. The LICO threshold determines the level below which families will devote a larger share of income to the necessities of food, shelter and clothing than the average family. The most current LICO threshold is Table 3 below.



This threshold has become an industry standard for determining eligibility for subsidy in municipalities and service providers. The County of Strathcona, and the Cities of Edmonton, Calgary, Grande Prairie and Okotoks have recently implemented the LICO threshold for use with their respective Access to Recreation Policies. For Fort Saskatchewan, the following LICO table is for under 30,000 population.

Table 3 - The Low Income

Statistics Canada Low Income Thresholds * 2012 Rates (Less than 30,000 population)							
No. in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more
Income Under	\$ 14,671	\$ 17,857	\$22,233	\$27,739	\$31,587	\$35,031	\$ 38,475

V. Housing

According to the City of Fort Saskatchewan's Affordable Housing Strategy completed in 2009, approximately 37 adults and children with developmental disabilities live in special needs housing in Fort Saskatchewan. As of December 2009, agencies who provide housing services reported that all units were fully occupied.

According to the report, there are 1,674 renter households in Fort Saskatchewan and 141 non-market (subsidized) rental units for lower income residents. The Capital Region Housing Plan identified 285 renter households in core housing need in 2009 (spending more than 30% of gross income on adequate shelter costs), concluding that only 33% of the community need for non-market housing is being met.

The March 2009 Capital Region Housing Plan reveals that single person and single parent households in Fort Saskatchewan, at or below the city's median renter income, cannot afford rental housing or home ownership. They pay more than 30% of their income on housing costs and experience the largest income gap when acquiring housing in Fort Saskatchewan.

The Province establishes Core Need Income Thresholds (CNIT) annually to identify households who may qualify for subsidized housing or rent supplements. CNIT is based on 30% of the median market rent for a market area. Households with total annual incomes equal to or less than CNIT are said to have insufficient income to afford the ongoing costs of suitable rental units in their area and are eligible for housing subsidies. In Fort Saskatchewan, the 2013 CNIT ranged from \$33,000 for a bachelor suite to \$67,000 for accommodations with five or more bedrooms, as presented in Table 4: Core Need Income Threshold for Fort Saskatchewan 2014.

Table 4 – Core Need Income Threshold Fort Saskatchewan, 2014

Unit Type	Maximum Income
Bachelor	\$33,000
1 Bedroom	\$38,000
2 Bedroom	\$48,000
3 Bedroom	\$59,000
4 Bedroom	\$61,000
5+ Bedroom	\$67,000

Source: Alberta Housing and Urban Affairs, 2014

VI. Summary

To get a clearer picture of Fort Saskatchewan's Low income Profile, an additional report is required. The purpose of such a report would provide information on the incidence, depth and impact of low-income in Fort Saskatchewan. It could highlight the need of our low-income population in order to assist policy makers, planners and service providers in developing a healthy, vibrant and resilient community.

Currently all that is available are the low-Income statistics from the 2006 census of Canada and therefore does not reflect a true picture of where the City of Fort Saskatchewan is at in 2014.

The 2006 data shown above does show that there are approximately 650 individuals and lone-parents residing in the community that fall below the poverty line and could access this program.

3. Fort Recreation Access Program Goals and Objectives

I. Recreation Department's Guiding Principles

These principles recognize that recreation is a crucial service that has to be made available to all residents:

- **Equitable access** – providing equitable recreation access to all Fort Saskatchewan residents.
- **Quality** – providing the highest quality of programs and services to enhance the health, quality of life and well-being of residents.
- **Inclusion** – ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to learn about, access and participate in programs and services that are planned, delivered and managed to recognize diversity and encourage participation of marginalized and racialized people and groups.
- **Capacity Building** – providing programs and services of social, economic and physical benefits to all participants and that create a sense of community, belonging and vitality.

II. Goals for Recreation Services Fort Recreation Access Program:

1. Provide Fort Saskatchewan low income individuals and families access to free and low cost recreation programs. Greater participation benefits everyone and will reduce the need for more expensive law enforcement, health and social services.
2. Make early intervention a priority – recreation programming can make the biggest difference when they are provided to people before they are affected by deteriorating health and social circumstances.
3. Customize outreach, support and programs for our most vulnerable residents – tailoring services to meet the needs of vulnerable residents will encourage more people to participate in recreation programs. Confidentiality will be important to build relationships and create a trusting environment.
4. Address youth issues - as the City's recreation opportunities plays an important role in providing youth with meaningful training, skills and jobs. As a key site of engagement for youth, recreation programs should help confront the overall lack of core funding for youth programs and services in our City.
5. Design programs to support widespread social benefits – programs have their biggest impact when they are designed to meet identified social benefits such as poverty reduction, inclusion of newcomers and decreasing youth violence.
6. Create community space – our recreation facilities should be “community centres”, bringing neighbourhoods together and nurturing new relationships by deliberately creating un-programmed and accessible spaces.

“Recreation is all those things that a person or group chooses to do in order to make their leisure time more interesting, more enjoyable and more personally satisfying. Recreation is not confined solely to sports and physical recreation programs but include artistic, creative, cultural, social and intellectual activities; and recreation is a fundamental human need for citizens of all ages and interests and for both sexes and is essential to the psychological, social and physical well-being of man.”

Source: NATIONAL RECREATION STATEMENT: Interprovincial Sport & Recreation Council, September, 1987

4. Proposed Program

The City of Fort Saskatchewan supports Everybody gets to play™, a national initiative led and created by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA), to enhance the quality of life for low-income individuals and families by removing barriers to recreation.



The City's Recreation Department is embarking on this initiative with the goal to provide free and low cost recreation and leisure opportunities to individuals and families on limited incomes as well as those 18 years and older who have a disability. This will support participation and enhance access to recreation for all children, youth, adults and families in Fort Saskatchewan.

The Fort Recreation Access Program is a confidential fee reduction program for eligible drop-in or registered programs being offered by the City of Fort Saskatchewan. An application form, available at City Hall, the Dow Centennial Centre or Harbour Pool, must be completed and supporting documentation attached.

I. The Benefits:



Pending available partnership and/or city funding, the program could provide up to \$200 per year to each eligible person for City Recreation program registrations plus access to recreation facilities including the Dow Centennial Centre and Harbour Pool. Eligible local resident applicants would receive:

Option 1:

- An annual Fort Leisure Card at no cost and is valid for one year from the date of issue.
- Unlimited access to City of Fort Saskatchewan drop-in programs being offered at the Dow Centennial Centre and Harbour Pool. The drop-in programs are listed in the City's Leisure Guide each season.
- Participation in up to four (4) City of Fort Saskatchewan registered programs per child or youth for one year at a 75% discount off the regular fee and required supplies to a maximum subsidy of \$200 per person per year. The registered program choices are listed in the City Leisure Guide each season.
- Participation in up to three (3) City of Fort Saskatchewan registered programs per adult or senior for one year at a 75% discount off the regular fee and required supplies to a maximum subsidy of \$200 per person per year. The registered program choices are listed in the City Leisure Guide each season.

Option 2:

- Same as above with the exception of offering a 90% discount instead of 75% discount per approved individual.

Breakdown Examples:

1 Adult (3 registered programs or to a maximum subsidy of \$ 200 per year):

Option 1: 75% Discount:

Zumba Class	\$ 90.00	less 75% = \$ 67.50	\$ 22.50
Sandbell Bootcamp	\$ 68.00	less 75% = \$ 51.00	\$ 17.00
Jewelry Making Class	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>less 75% = \$ 45.00</u>	Client <u>\$ 15.00</u>
Program Cost \$ 218.00		City Loss \$ 163.50	Cost \$ 54.50

Option 2: 90% Discount

Zumba Class	\$ 90.00	less 90% = \$ 81.00	\$ 9.00
Sandbell Bootcamp	\$ 68.00	less 90% = \$ 61.20	\$ 6.80
Jewelry Making Class	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>less 90% = \$ 54.00</u>	Client <u>\$ 6.00</u>
Program Cost \$ 218.00		City Loss \$ 196.20	Cost \$ 21.80

1 Child/Youth (4 registered programs or to a maximum subsidy of \$ 200 per year):

Option 1: 75% Discount

Pool Lesson	\$ 52.00	less 75% = \$ 39.00	\$ 13.00
Stranger Smarts	\$ 35.00	less 75% = \$ 26.25	\$ 8.75
Basketball Camp	\$ 55.00	less 75% = \$ 41.25	\$ 13.75
Jump Rope Class	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	<u>less 75% = \$ 56.25</u>	Client <u>\$ 18.75</u>
Program Cost \$ 217.00		City Loss \$ 162.75	Cost \$ 54.25

Option 2: 90% Discount

Pool Lesson	\$ 52.00	less 90% = \$ 46.80	\$ 5.20
Stranger Smarts	\$ 35.00	less 90% = \$ 31.50	\$ 3.50
Basketball Camp	\$ 55.00	less 90% = \$ 49.50	\$ 5.50
Jump Rope Class	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	<u>less 90% = \$ 67.50</u>	Client <u>\$ 7.50</u>
Program Cost \$ 217.00		City Loss \$195.30	Cost \$ 21.70

City Revenue Loss (based on approximately 50 adults & 50 children/youth per year)*

Adult 75%	\$ 8,175.00	Adult 90%	\$ 9,810.00
Youth 75%	<u>\$ 8,137.50</u>	Youth 90%	<u>\$ 9,765.00</u>
	\$ 16,312.50		\$ 19,575.00

*Note: Drop in programs are not included in the cost summary above as they are not considered a loss of income because we already have fixed costs in place (ie instructors, building operations, staff).

II. Budget and Staffing Needs:

Dollars

A proposed budget of \$ 25,000 for the overall program creation and implementation would include program development and member cards (\$2,500); marketing tools to help reach target audience (\$2,500); and a program subsidy (\$20,000) which would result in the ability to support 100 individuals over a one year period.

While corporate sponsorship will be sought to help fund the program, it is recommended that a base budget of \$ 25,000 per year be allocated within the Recreation Department to ensure a secure funding source. This amount includes the subsidy for the program as well as promotion and administrative costs outlined above. If the program relies solely on sponsor dollars, the program could be at risk and would have to end should sponsorship dollars not be on-going.

It is unknown at this time what the expected participation would be in the program. Recreation staff know there is a need due to the 100 plus inquiries received by the City and the Families First Society by the fall of 2014 asking if there is a subsidy program available.

Staff Position

Currently existing positions within the Recreation Department do not have the capacity to develop, manage, implement and maintain this program without an additional staff resource. A Community Recreation Supervisor position has been requested in the 2015 Recreation budget and could take on this program should there be support from City Council for both the position and the program.

III. To Qualify:

The Fort Recreation Access Program is designed for individuals and families whose combined gross household income falls at or below the “Low Income” levels recognized by Statistics Canada (see below chart). To qualify, the Fort Saskatchewan resident’s gross household income must be at or below the following thresholds:

Statistics Canada Low Income Thresholds * 2012 Rates (Less than 30,000 population)							
No. in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more
Income Under	\$ 14,671	\$ 17,857	\$22,233	\$27,739	\$31,587	\$35,031	\$ 38,475

In addition:

- Applicants must be a resident of the City of Fort Saskatchewan.
- They must have resided in the City of Fort Saskatchewan for at least 6 months.
- They can complete a Fort Recreation Access Program Application Form with proof of residency and photo ID then submit to the City of Fort Saskatchewan’s Recreation Department located at City Hall, 10005 -102 Street.

IV. Things to Bring with Application Form:

Applicants would complete the Fort Recreation Access Program Application Form (see attached) including each participants from the family. Any omissions may result in processing delays.



Recreation staff will confirm eligibility for the program by reviewing the following documents:

- Proof of residency of 6 months or longer (i.e. phone bill, utility bill).
- Photo ID that is provided with the application (ie. Alberta Driver's License, student card, passport, birth certificate, certificate of refugee or permanent resident status).
- Proof of income for all adult members (18+) of the household by providing one of the following:
 - Canada Child Tax Benefit Notice from Canada Revenue Agency
 - Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Card (AISH)
 - Guaranteed Income Supplement Notice
 - Alberta Child Care Subsidy for Working Families Entitlement Notice
 - Personal Income Tax Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency

Families who are working and are not receiving assistance from Alberta Works but whose income is below the poverty line (as determined by Statistics Canada's Low Income Cut-Offs, or LICO – see table above) are eligible for this program.

Participating children and adults must be residents of the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

All applications could be dropped off at City Hall. Applications will be reviewed and upon approval applicants will receive notice within 2 weeks. Once the application is approved, photos of participants will be taken at the Dow Centennial Centre and a Fort Leisure Card will be printed for them.

Hours of Operation:

City Hall, 10005 – 102 ST

Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dow Centennial Centre, 8700 – 84 ST

Monday to Friday: 5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Statutory Holidays: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Harbour Pool, 10001 – 94 AVE

Monday/Wednesday 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday/Thursday: 8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Friday: 6:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday: 2:00 – 7:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 – 9:00 pm
Statutory Holidays: 1:30 – 4:30 pm

V. Fort Leisure Card

Fort Leisure Cards would be issued to each member of eligible families and are valid for one year from the date of issue.

New applications must be submitted after the expiry date as no extensions will be made past the expiry date. Cards are not transferable and have no cash value. One card is issued per year for each eligible family member.

If lost or misplaced, the first replacement card will be issued at no charge, subsequent replacements could be charged at \$ 5.00 (to be added to fees and charges bylaw).

The Fort Leisure Card is the same card issued for monthly or yearly members of the Dow Centennial Centre and/or Multi-Facility Pass with Harbour Pool.



VI. Other Considerations:

Personal Assistant for Recreation Access Program Activities (PAL) Card

A “PAL” card is available to people with a permanent or temporary disability or injury who require assistance to attend City of Fort Saskatchewan recreation and leisure programs. The “PAL” card is issued to the person with the disability and allows him or her to be accompanied by a friend, relative, support worker as their support person who participates as an attendant at no additional cost.

A support person can be a different person each time but he/she will help the person with a disability with tasks related to communication, mobility, personal care or medical needs, or with access to goods or services.



There are certain eligibility requirements that must be met to obtain a PAL Card. Application forms are available from the Recreation Department at City Hall located at 10005 – 102 Street or by contacting recinfo@fortsask.ca.

Apply to Canadian Tire Jumpstart

Canadian Tire Jumpstart is a national charitable program that helps financially disadvantaged kids participate in organized sport and recreation. They help cover registration, equipment and/or transportation costs.

They have an extensive, national network of 332 local chapters made up of volunteers who are committed to helping get kids active and healthy. They work in partnership with other local non-profit organizations to discreetly identify kids with the greatest need in their community. Canadian Tire Jumpstart then covers registration, equipment and/or transportation costs to and from their activity.

While there is not a Fort Saskatchewan chapter, applications can still be submitted through the organization's website. Applications for assistance can be submitted from January 15 to June 1 for spring/summer programs, and from July 1 to November 1 for fall/winter programs.

To find out more about accessing this program, residents can contact www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca



Apply to KidSport Fort Saskatchewan

KidSport Fort Saskatchewan provides support to kids 18 years of age and under to help remove the financial barriers that prevent them from participating in organized community sport programs.

As a local volunteer driven organization, KidSport relies on the generosity of community partners, businesses and individuals to help ensure that no child is denied the opportunity to play the sport they love, lead a healthy active lifestyle and make new friends.

The City of Fort Saskatchewan is proud to help promote KidSport Fort Saskatchewan.



Application forms are available on-line at www.kidsport.ab.ca or can be picked up at City Hall located at 10005 – 102 Street in Downtown Fort Saskatchewan.

For more information, please contact any one of the following Board Members:

- Ken Shand 992-3138 Janice Lupul 998-4363
- Bill Quinton 998-0407 Cathy Trombley 998-3783
- Malinda Bulycz 998-9855 Shane Eastman 998-7055

Applications are processed when the Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month.



VII. Additional Subsidies and Tax Credits

Alberta Government - Stay at Home Parents Support

Eligible families who have one parent who stays at home or works, volunteers or attends school less than 20 hours per week may qualify for an Alberta Government subsidy of up to \$1,200 per year for each pre-school-aged child who attends a licensed pre-school or an approved early childhood development program.

To learn more visit <http://humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support>

Federal Government - Child Fitness Tax Credit

Whether a child dreams of a career on hockey skates, racing down the slopes on a snowboard, or performing for a famous ballet company, paying for lessons to make those dreams a reality can be costly. Residents can save receipts to claim your children's fitness tax credit at tax time this year.

You can claim to a maximum of \$500 per child the fees paid in 2013 relating to the cost of registration or membership for you or your spouse's or common-law partner's child in a prescribed program of physical activity.

For more information on the children's fitness tax credit go to: www.cra.gc.ca/fitness





(City of Fort Saskatchewan Residents Only)

Male / Female (circle)

(mm/dd/yy)

Male / Female (circle)

(mm/dd/yy)

Postal Code: _____

(work or cell): _____

Email: _____

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*Your **combined after-tax income** must be at or below the following income thresholds to be eligible for the Fort Recreation Access Program*

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No. in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more
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Fort Recreation Access Program Cards will be cancelled if information provided is discovered to be false. Random checks will be done and participants may be asked to verify income based on Revenue Canada's most recent tax return. It is a serious offence to provide inaccurate information on this form.

Consent Form: If requested, I agree to meet with a representative of the City of Fort Saskatchewan and will, at that time, disclose financial information detailed on my latest Revenue Canada Tax Return.

Self Declaration:

My combined annual gross family after-tax income is \$_____

Signature _____ *Date* _____

Personal Information Declaration

The information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Government Act. The information provided will be used to evaluate eligibility for participation in the City of Fort Saskatchewan Fort Recreation Access Program. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the Recreation Department at 780-992-6280.

I have read, understand and agree to the contents of this application form.

Signature Date

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Application Received ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Proof of Residency Provided ☐ YES
Picture Identification Provided ☐ YES
Proof of income Provided ☐ YES

Staff Signature _____

Fort Leisure Card expiry date ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Form Entered _____
staff initials

Number of Cards Issued:

Preschooler ☐ Child ☐ Youth ☐ Adult ☐ Senior ☐

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Beaver Hills Initiative Letter of Support

Motion:

That Council provide a letter of support to the Beaver Hills Initiative - Biosphere Reserve nomination.

Purpose:

To support the Beaver Hills Initiative's nomination to have the Beaver Hills area designated as a Biosphere Reserve under UNESCO's (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) "Man and Biosphere" Program.

Background:

The Beaver Hills Moraine is a 1,595 km² area located east of the Capital Region that spans across Strathcona County, Leduc County, Camrose County, Beaver County, and Lamont County. The Beaver Hills area includes Elk Island National Park, Miquelon Lake Provincial Park, the Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area, the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, and the Strathcona Wilderness Centre. This unique biological area is extensively treed, and consists of hummocky terrain rich in native wetlands and aspen dominated Boreal mixed wood forest habitat.

The Beaver Hills Initiative (BHI) was initiated in 2002 to address development pressures in close proximity to the boundaries of Elk Island National Park. It is a multi-stakeholder collaboration comprised of local governments, Federal and Provincial agencies and other organizations with interests in the area.

In 2009, BHI began preparing a nomination for Beaver Hills to be designated as a Biosphere Reserve through UNESCO's Man and Biosphere Program. An area designated as a Biosphere Reserve demonstrates excellence in the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable development practices at a regional scale. If designated, Beaver Hills would become internationally recognized as a member of a global network of 631 Biosphere Reserves in 119 countries (16 in Canada).

Prior to submitting the completed Biosphere Reserve nomination to UNESCO, the nomination must be endorsed by the authorities and agencies responsible for the protected areas, as well as elected local governments that are representatives of the communities located within the area.

The BHI is seeking the City of Fort Saskatchewan's support in its Biosphere Reserve nomination. This would include a letter of support for the Biosphere Reserve nomination. The Beaver Hills Initiative's intent is to have their Biosphere Reserve nomination completed and ready for endorsement by May 2015.

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

The City of Fort Saskatchewan Community Sustainability Plan 2014 Update reflects the vision of the community for the next 30 years. One of the sustainability principles identified in the document is Stewardship of the Environment. This includes the commitment to the preservation and enhancement of natural ecosystems.

Alternatives:

- 1) That Council provide a letter of support to the Beaver Hills Initiative - Biosphere Reserve nomination.
- 2) That Council not provide a letter of support to the Beaver Hills Initiative - Biosphere Reserve nomination, and advise how they wish to proceed.

Attachments:

1. Appendix A - Letter of Support for the Beaver Hills Initiative (BHI)- Biosphere Nomination
 2. Appendix B - Beaver Hills Initiative- Biosphere Reserve Nomination
 3. Appendix C - Beaver Hills Initiative PowerPoint Presentation
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Prepared by:	Matthew Siddons Current Planner, Planning & Development	Date: February 13, 2015
Approved by:	Troy Fleming General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services	Date: February 18, 2015
Reviewed by:	Kelly Kloss City Manager	Date: February 18, 2015
Submitted to:	City Council	Date: February 18, 2015

February 5, 2015

Glen Lawrence, Chair BHI
Beaver Hills Initiative
c/o Strathcona County
Planning & Development Services
2001 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood park, AB
T8A 3W7

Re: Letter of Support for the Beaver Hills Initiative (BHI) – Biosphere Nomination

Dear Mr. Chairman

Please accept this letter as a formal confirmation of our support of the Beaver Hills Initiative's nomination to have the Beaver Hills designated as a Biosphere Reserve under UNESCO's "Man and Biosphere" Program.

Since 2002, _____ has strongly supported the vision, mission and guiding principles of the BHI. Biosphere Reserve designation of the Beaver Hills will give international recognition to the importance of the area as a distinctive landscape and endorsement of what the BHI has achieved to-date in promoting a bioregional and sustainable approach to land-use planning and demonstrating the advantages of living and working in harmony with nature. The opportunity that is provided for the BHI to become an active contributor to finding solutions to environmentally significant global issues by becoming a member of an international network of Biosphere Reserves is also seen as being very valuable and commendable.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in this important regionally based and anticipated internationally recognized project.

Sincerely

February 5, 2015

Beaver Hills Initiative
c/o Strathcona County
Planning & Development Services
2001 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park, AB
T8A 3W7



City of Fort Saskatchewan
City Hall
10005 102 Street
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta
T8L 2C5

Office of the Mayor

Re: Beaver Hills Initiative – Biosphere Reserve Nomination

The Beaver Hills Moraine, an area of 1,595 km² east of Edmonton, has a distinct hummocky “knob and kettle” terrain. With soils unsuitable for cropland / arable farming, much of this area has not been cleared or cultivated, supporting native forests, grasslands and wetlands unlike the surrounding landscape. This combination of local geomorphology, hydrology and climate, contributes to the unique landscape of the Beaver Hills. The natural green space and resulting biodiversity add to its character. Together, these features are in sharp contrast to the surrounding agricultural, urban and industrial lands, where natural habitat has been reduced to smaller discontinuous patches, making the Beaver Hills a truly distinctive feature on the regional landscape. The relatively intact natural landscape provides key ecosystem services to the region, including flood mitigation, provisioning of clean air and water, as well as cultural and aesthetic character. However, this landscape is under increasing pressure from development and is at risk of degradation and fragmentation of its natural features.

The Beaver Hills Initiative (BHI) is a multi-stakeholder collaboration comprised of local governments, provincial and federal protected areas agencies and other organizations with interests in the region. In recognition of the moraine’s special qualities, these partners came together in 2000 to promote a regional approach to land management that will conserve the moraine’s character.

This commitment to conservation, sustainable development, and accommodating and guiding change through collective and collaborative action are also the distinguishing characteristics of the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Man and Biosphere Programme (MAB). Biosphere Reserves are special place for people and nature and represent the only global designation and accreditation for an area demonstrating excellence in sustainable development in practice. In January 2009 the Board Members of the BHI gave approval for its Protected Areas Working Group to proceed with the preparation of the

nomination form for the Beaver Hills to be recognized internationally as a Biosphere Reserve. Excellent progress has been made in completing the requirements for the nomination.

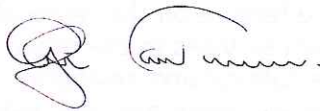
One of the key messages we want to share is that Biosphere Reserve designation does not intrude on property rights, Aboriginal rights, jurisdictional and administrative authorities, or on the responsibilities of elected bodies. Biosphere Reserve designation does not require any additional funding by local authorities, agencies, and other partners beyond that which is in place at the present time. It should be noted that the designation will afford international recognition of the importance of the Beaver Hills as a distinctive landscape, and endorsement to what the BHI has already been undertaking and achieved to-date. In addition, the BHI's collaborative approach to regional land-use planning which demonstrates practical solutions to conservation and sustainable development not only exemplifies the intentions of Alberta's Provincial Land Use Framework but by becoming a member of an internationally recognized network of Biosphere Reserves the BHI becomes an active contributor to finding solutions to environmentally significant global issues.

Prior to submitting the completed nomination form for review by UNESCO, the nomination has to be endorsed by those authorities/agencies responsible for the protected areas within the proposed Biosphere Reserve as well as those elected local governments that are representative of the communities located within the area. The intention is to have the Biosphere Reserve nomination completed and ready for endorsement by this May. It would be appreciated if you considered supporting this nomination by providing a letter of support for the Biosphere Reserve nomination. A suggested template for that letter, which you may wish to use, is included as an attachment for your convenience.

If you require further information on the Beaver Hills Initiative and the Beaver Hills Biosphere nomination please visit our website at <http://www.beaverhills.ca>

The Beaver Hills Initiative appreciates your interest and looks forward to receiving your letter of support for the Biosphere Reserve nomination.

Sincerely



Glen Lawrence, Chair BHI

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Municipal Stakeholder Presentation
February 2015

Glen Lawrence, Chair
Jocelyn Thrasher-Haug, Acting Executive Director
Dr. Guy Swinnerton, Chair Protected Areas Working Group

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Communication Objectives



1. Greater understanding of the ecological and cultural significance of the Beaver Hills Moraine.
2. Greater awareness of the Beaver Hills Initiative and its activities and benefits to the communities within the moraine.
3. Introducing the Biosphere nomination process and soliciting feedback and on-going support for the Biosphere designation.
4. Establishing the foundation for on-going support and involvement in the BHI and the UNESCO Biosphere.

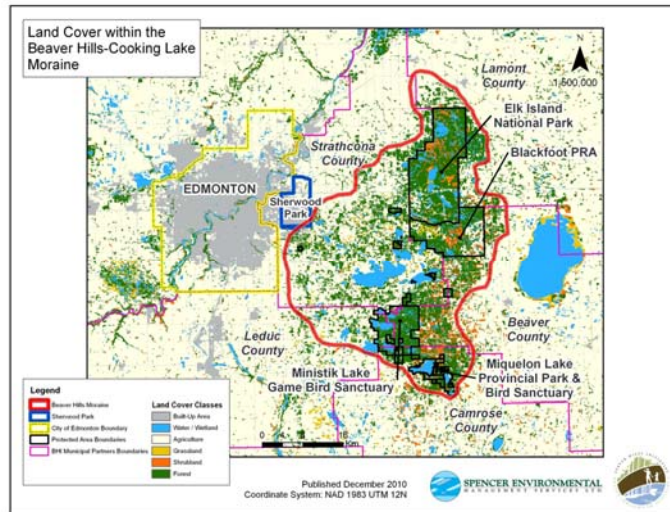
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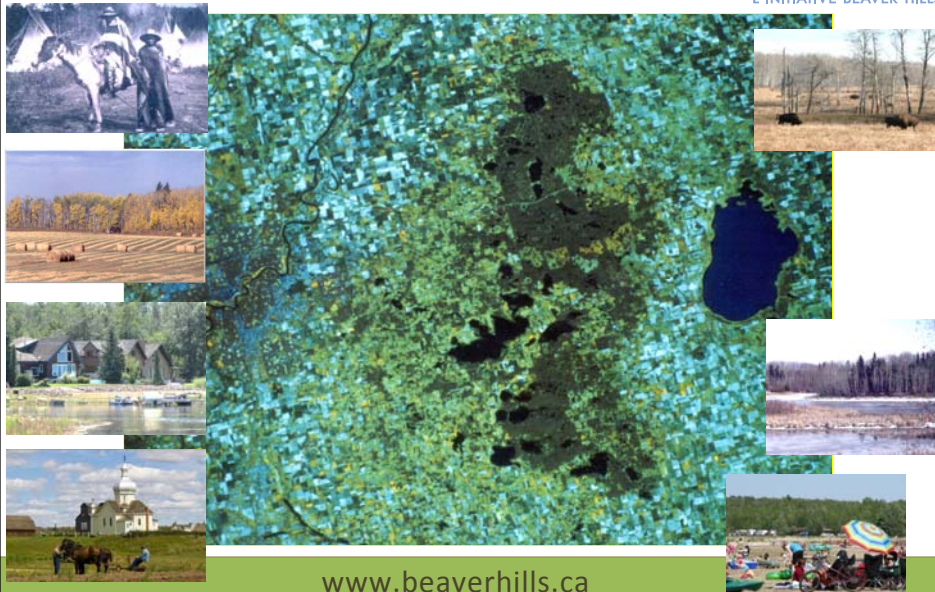


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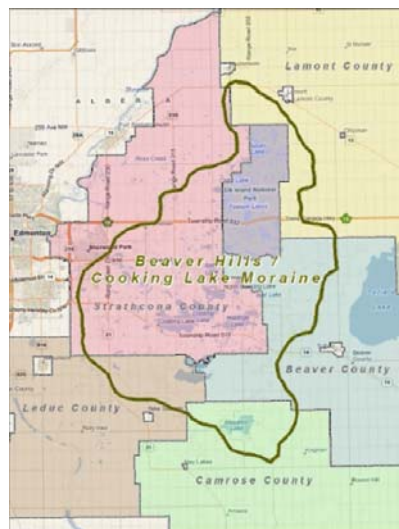
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- Catalyst – 2000: Proposed development in proximity to Elk Island National Park
- Recognition of the need to develop a collaborative strategy that would develop a proactive and long term approach to land-use planning within the Beaver Hills Moraine
- BHI – 2002: Stakeholder workshop results in a vision and mission statement and partner commitments



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Vision & Mission



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Our Vision

- The Beaver Hills Initiative values the region for its natural beauty, quality of life, and supports co-operative efforts to sustain quality of water, land, air, natural resources and community development



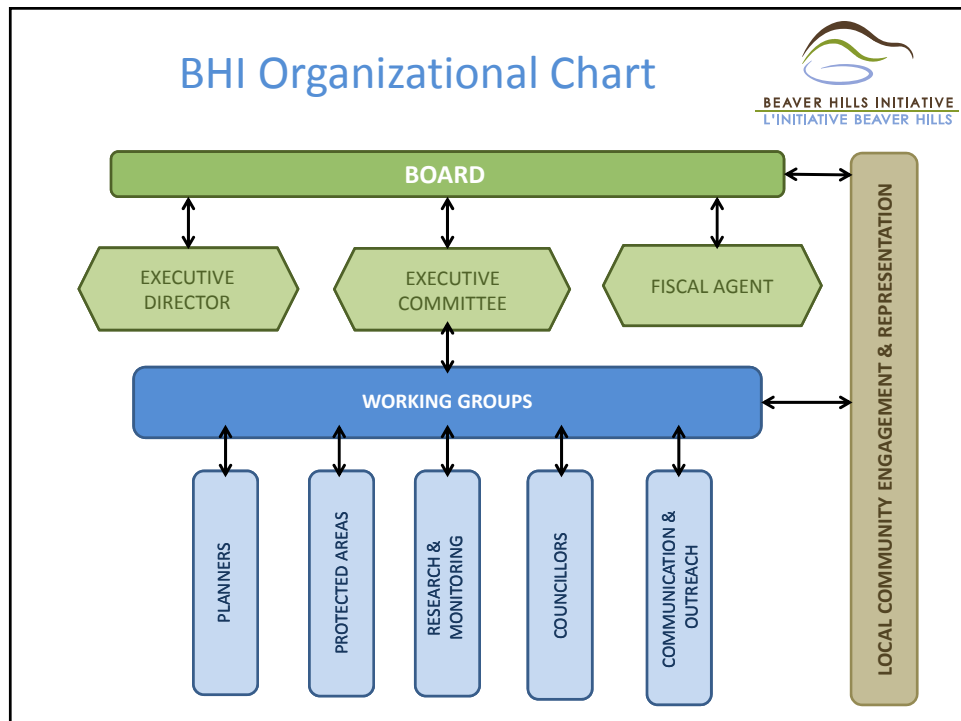
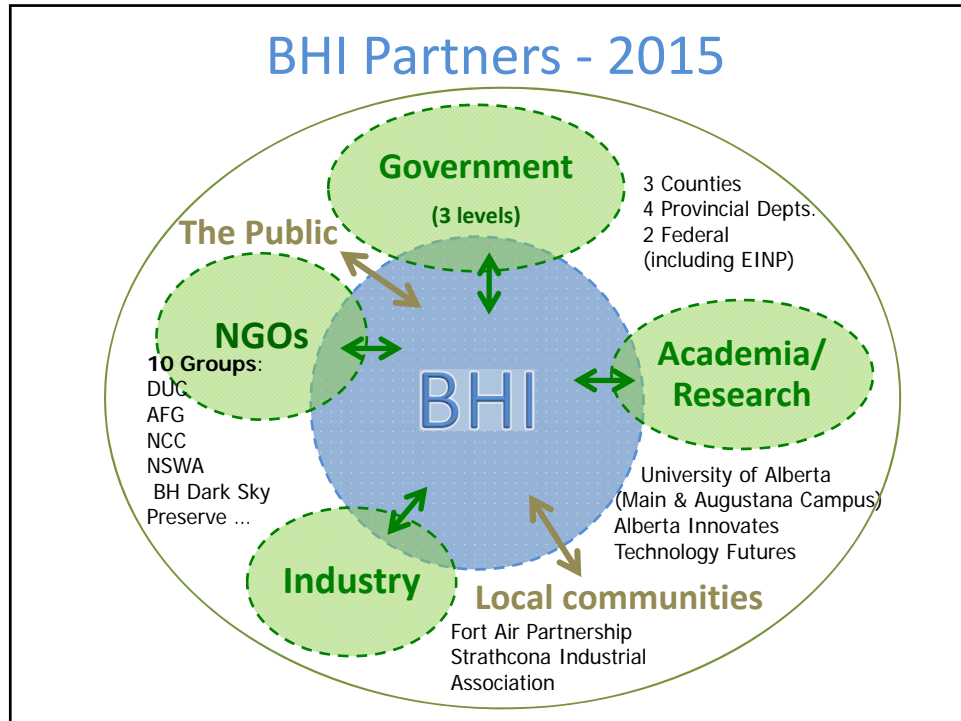
Our Mission

- Working together for a sustainable region, through shared initiatives and coordinated action



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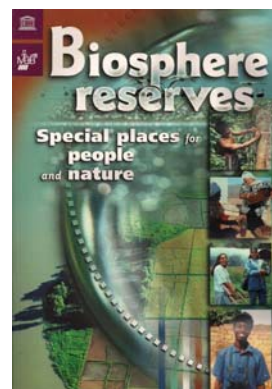


UNESCO Biosphere Reserve



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- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Biosphere Reserves are the only global designation or accreditation for an area demonstrating excellence in sustainable development in practice.
- Global network: 631 Biosphere Reserves in 119 countries [16 in Canada]



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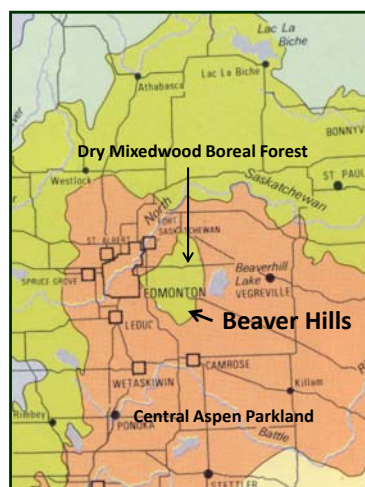
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UNESCO Criteria



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1. Encompasses a mosaic of ecological systems representative of major bio-geographic regions, including a gradation of human interventions.



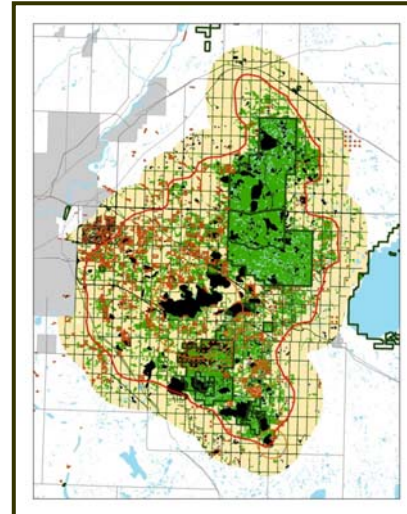
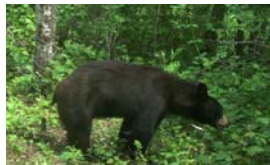
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UNESCO Criteria



2. Should be of significance for biological diversity conservation.



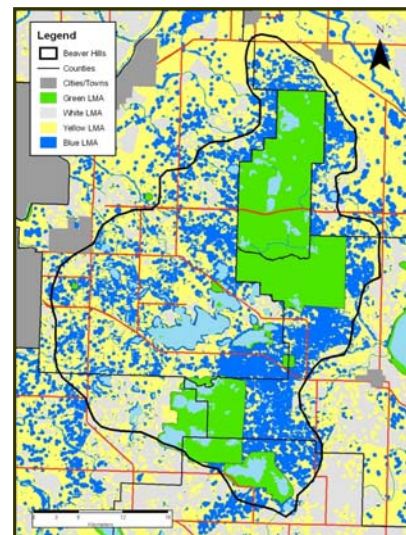
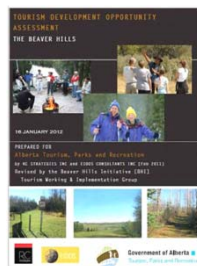
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UNESCO Criteria



3. Provide an opportunity to explore and demonstrate approaches to sustainable development at a regional scale.



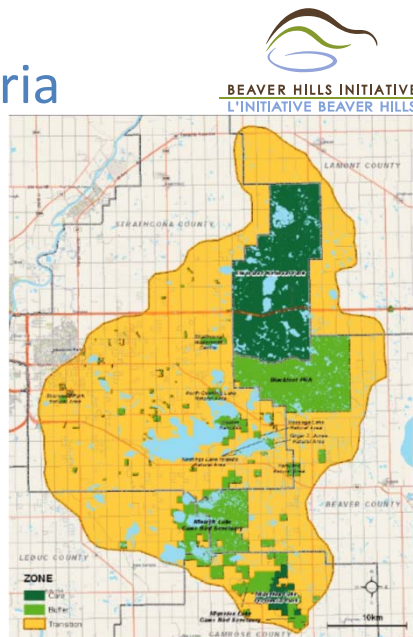
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UNESCO Criteria

4. An appropriate size to serve the three functions of biosphere reserves

- ✓ conservation
- ✓ logistic support
- ✓ development



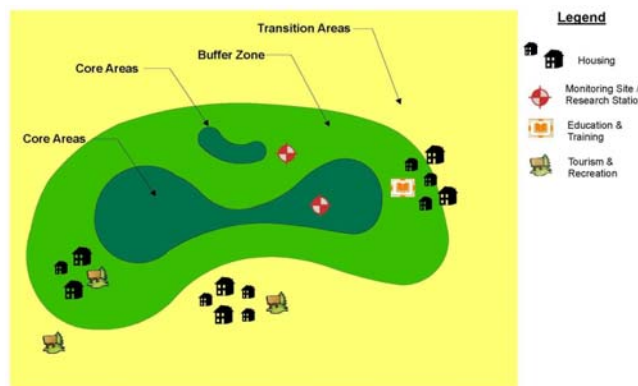
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UNESCO Criteria

5. Include the three functions – conservation, logistic support and development through appropriate zonation:

- ✓ core area(s)
- ✓ buffer zone(s)
- ✓ transition area



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UNESCO Requirements



- The establishment of local governance arrangements for developing collaborative capacities to address local and regional issues associated with conservation and sustainable development.
- Focus on a multi-stakeholder approach that involves local community involvement.
- **This international designation does not intrude on property rights, Aboriginal rights, jurisdictional authorities, or on the responsibilities of elected bodies**



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2012 Nomination



- Overall positive feedback from the Canadian Commission for UNESCO
 - "We encourage the continued regional efforts that embrace a vision of sustainable development."
 - "Impressive accomplishments and strong potential to become an outstanding Biosphere Reserve."
- Following to be addressed with resubmission:
 - 1) First Nations engagement and Treaties honored
 - 2) General public and citizen engagement
 - 3) Clear explanation of why we want to become a UNESCO Biosphere

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2015 Resubmission

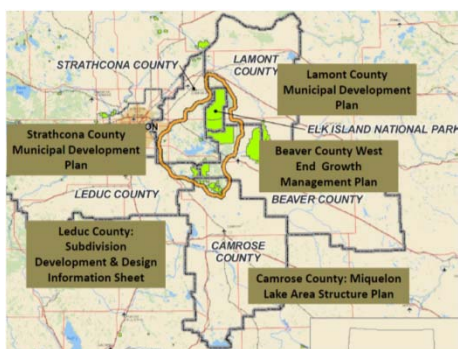


- Change of emphasis in criteria
- Demonstrate how we've addressed the initial submission comments:
 - 1) Develop and implement an Aboriginal Strategy
 - 2) Develop and implement a Communications and Public Involvement Plan
 - 3) Clearly explain and demonstrate the values and inspirational forces driving the local willingness to become a UNESCO Biosphere

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Biosphere Benefits



- ✓ Fosters the region's environmental, economic, and social sustainability.
- ✓ Expands the capacity of residents and local communities to direct their future.
- ✓ Provides a "brand name" to improve and diversify the local economy.
- ✓ Gains access to information and support through national and international networks.
- ✓ Attracts research activity that addresses local & global issues.
- ✓ Increases national and international recognition.

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2014 Partner Funding



- 2014 Partnership Funded (\$136,243.50)
- Strathcona, Beaver, Lamont Counties

Operational costs



- ED salary & benefits
- Catering, printing, telephone, mileage, equipment, professional development
- Business promotion (website development)
- Consulting

Updated website went live on September 18!

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2015 Operating Budget




- Increased by 3%
- Partnership contributions will be consistent with 2014
 - Re-engage Leduc and Camrose Counties in early 2015
- Continue to pursue and leverage grant funding

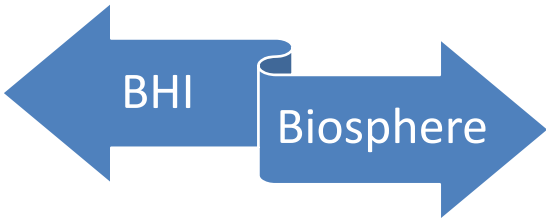


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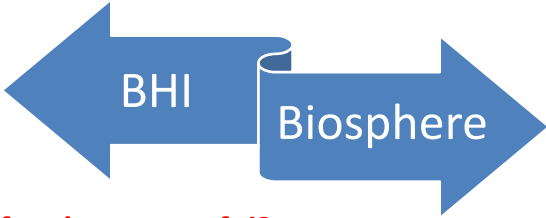
- **Why?**
- Vision and mission of BHI mirrors aims of Biosphere program
- BHI has allowed us to link research science with applied conservation and land use planning
- MDP, LUB, municipal policies
- Tourism opportunities




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- **What if we're successful?**
- International recognition of the commitment and success of the BHI in applying innovative approaches to sustainable development and addressing environmental global issues.
- Contribute to and benefit from being a member of a globally recognized network of Biosphere Reserves.



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The diagram shows two blue arrows pointing in opposite directions. The left arrow is labeled 'BHI' and the right arrow is labeled 'Biosphere'. To the right of the arrows is the logo for the Beaver Hills Initiative, which includes a stylized green and blue wave icon and the text 'BEAVER HILLS INITIATIVE' and 'L'INITIATIVE BEAVER HILLS'.

- **How can you help?**
- www.beaverhills.ca
- Letter of Support
- Endorsement
- Join a Working Group!
- Be a Board Member!



The screenshot shows the website for the Beaver Hills Initiative. The header includes the logo and navigation links: 'LEARN', 'CONSERVE', and 'ENJOY'. The main banner features a landscape photo with the text 'THE BEAVER HILLS INITIATIVE WELCOMES YOU TO THE BEAVER HILLS'. Below the banner are three sections: 'Visit the Beaver Hills', 'About the BHI', and 'Biosphere Nomination', each with a small image and descriptive text.

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The diagram shows two blue arrows pointing in opposite directions. The left arrow is labeled 'BHI' and the right arrow is labeled 'Biosphere'. To the right of the arrows is the logo for the Beaver Hills Initiative, which includes a stylized green and blue wave icon and the text 'BEAVER HILLS INITIATIVE' and 'L'INITIATIVE BEAVER HILLS'.

Key to the success of a Biosphere Reserve nomination for the Beaver Hills is the continuing support and commitment of all BHI members and the local community, and their conviction that the BHI and Biosphere Reserve designation is important and beneficial.

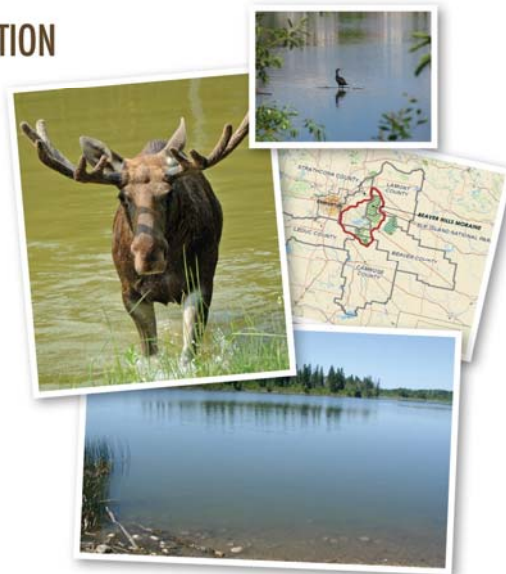
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The Beaver Hills is an ISLAND OF BOREAL FOREST, surrounded by ASPEN PARKLAND, located east of Sherwood Park. The Beaver Hills Initiative (BHI) is working on an application to be classified as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, but we need your help.

Support us today by filling out the online statement of support on our website at:

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Thank you!

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CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

City Naming Registry

Motion:

That Council approve the inclusion of the name, Jim Sheasgreen, to the City Naming Registry.

Purpose:

To add Mr. Jim Sheasgreen's name to the City Naming Registry.

Background:

Under City Naming Policy GOV-002-C, City Council desires a coordinated and consistent approach to the naming of neighbourhoods, districts, subdivisions, roadways, municipal parks and City facilities in the City of Fort Saskatchewan, and that the names reflect Fort Saskatchewan's unique history, culture or the significant contribution of community members and groups.

Mr. Sheasgreen was the Superintendent of Schools for thirteen years (1985 – 1998) in Falher, Alberta, and Fort Saskatchewan. From 1998 – 2003, Mr. Sheasgreen was the Deputy Superintendent for Elk Island Catholic Schools. Before retiring in March 2005, he was the Deputy Superintendent for the Northern Gateway Regional School Division No. 10.

Mr. Jim Sheasgreen served as Councillor for the City of Fort Saskatchewan from October 2001 to October 2004 and served as Mayor for the City of Fort Saskatchewan from October 2004 to October 2010. As Mayor for the City, Mr. Sheasgreen's leadership moved the community forward as a key stakeholder in the former Alberta Capital Region Alliance, and the current Capital Region Board. Projects that were undertaken while Mr. Sheasgreen was an elected official included:

- Acquisition of lands for Fort Saskatchewan's replacement Hospital.
- Hosting an annual Mayor's Golf Classic, which raised over \$33,000.00 towards new equipment for the new Fort Saskatchewan Health Centre.
- Approval of the City of Fort Saskatchewan and Fort Saskatchewan Historical Strategic Plan for the Stewardship of Fort Saskatchewan Historical Resources.
- Formation of a commuter public transit service from Fort Saskatchewan to Edmonton's Clareview LRT.
- Adoption of a Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan, which spearheaded revitalization of the downtown core.
- The building of City Centre Square, which included new and renovated spaces for the Public Library, and City services.
- Adoption of an Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Adoption of a Community Sustainability Plan.
- Establishing an Art in Public Places Initiative, which showcases local artists.
- Development of the City's Community Leadership Award program for local senior high school students.

Community volunteerism has always been important to Mr. Sheasgreen. He served as President of the Fort Saskatchewan Minor Sports Association for a number of years. He was President of

the Fort Saskatchewan Minor Baseball Association for several years and coached various baseball teams. Mr. Sheasgreen is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and continues to volunteer in a number of ways in the community.

Permission has been granted by Mr. Sheasgreen to add the Sheasgreen name to the City's Naming Registry.

Alternatives:

1. That Council approve the inclusion of the name, Jim Sheasgreen, to the City Naming Registry.
2. That Council not approve the inclusion of the name, Jim Sheasgreen, to the City Naming Registry, and advise how they wish to proceed.

File No.:

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CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee Appointment

Motion:

That Council approve the appointment of Cameron McCormick to the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee for the balance of a three-year term commencing February 25, 2015 and expiring on December 31, 2016.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to appoint a public-at-large member to the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee.

Background:

The City of Fort Saskatchewan has recently received the resignation of Daryl Stubbington, public-at-large member to the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee. As a result of this resignation, the Application Review Committee is recommending the appointment of Cameron McCormick to the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee.

The Application Review Committee, consisting of Councillor Sheldon Bossert, as well as a representative and administrative liaison from the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee conducted interviews on November 26, 2014. Three applicants, including Cameron McCormick, were interviewed for the two vacancies on the Committee. Ian McDonell and Zeljka Mikelic-Strazza were previously appointed by Council to fill the two vacancies on the Committee. As outlined in Council Policy GOV-007-C, applications are retained on file for a period of six month, should a future vacancy occur.

Alternatives:

1. That Council approve the appointment of Cameron McCormick to the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee.
2. That Council not approve the appointment of Cameron McCormick to the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee, and advise how they wish to proceed.

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