

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Recreation Facility & Parks Master Plan Update

Motion:

That Council adopt the 2015 Recreation Facility & Parks Master Plan Update, as presented.

Purpose:

This report is to provide Council with the finalized Recreation Facility & Parks Master Plan Update report for their consideration and approval.

Background:

Council directed Administration to undertake a full review of the 2008 Recreation, Culture and Parks Master Plan in order to help guide future decisions as they relate to recreation infrastructure in the community. The intent of the review was to ensure that the City has a clear implementation plan that can be followed in future budgets. The Plan itself is meant to be clear and succinct to help improve readability. The goal was to answer the following questions related to City recreational facilities and parks amenities:

1. What are the current top community priorities for recreation facilities and parks, from a public and user perspective?
2. Are these priorities appropriate based upon utilization of current facilities, population to facilities ratio and current building conditions?
3. What are the City's options and recommendations for new, expanded or renovated recreation facilities, including capital and operating costs, timelines to meet needs and projected population growth?
4. Using a phased strategy, what are the financial implications of addressing the identified recreation needs on a short, mid and long term basis?

The development of the Recreation Facility & Parks Master Plan Update engaged the community and stakeholders in capturing their needs and wants for facilities and amenities to service recreation and sporting programs. These priorities were analyzed against regional and provincial trends; utilization and condition of facilities where feasible; and financial impacts to the City. Recommendations were created with options for short, mid and long term implementation. The options from the final report will be presented to Council for consideration during the 2016 budget discussions.

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

2015-2017 Strategic Plan - Goal 3 – Vibrant and Thriving Community

3.1 – Review and update the Recreation, Culture and Parks Master Plan.

3.2 – Develop new and expand existing recreation facilities and programs.

Financial Implications:

Depending on which implementation strategy is decided on, the overall financial impact to implement all recommendations in the Plan is estimated at \$87.9 million, with an average

operating impact of \$6.2 million. Financial decisions will be made during the 2016 budget deliberations.

Alternatives:

1. That Council adopt the 2015 Recreation Facility & Parks Master Plan Update, as presented.
2. That Council not adopt the 2015 Recreation Facility & Parks Master Plan Update, and advise how they wish to proceed.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the 2015 Recreation Facility & Parks Master Plan Update, as presented.

Attachments:

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File No.:

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