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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS) Update****Report Purpose**

To provide Priorities Committee with an update on the Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS).

Council History

June 24, 2008 – Council approved the Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS).

April 10, 2012 – Council approved the OSRFS, Trails Strategy.

May 13, 2014 – Council Priorities Committee accepted the OSRFS five year update.

November 28, 2016 – Council approved that Administration provide, by the end of the second quarter of 2017, an update on the Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS) that will include an update on the Trails Strategy, adopted by Council on April 10, 2012 to guide trail development in the County for a 15-year period, along with a prioritized list for trail development and re-development in the County under the Strategy.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: The OSRFS focuses on revitalizing existing municipal infrastructure through managing, investing and planning for recreation infrastructure.

Governance: The OSRFS is built on a foundation of public engagement and the development and maintenance of strong relationships with community groups and partners.

Social: Implementation of the OSRFS has resulted in the revitalization and development of outdoor and indoor community amenities, creating programs and services to support the diverse needs of residents.

Culture: Implementation of one percent of the project cost for public art in the revitalization and development of outdoor and indoor recreation amenities, adding to the vibrancy of the community.

Environment: OSRFS project design, construction and operation incorporates the natural environment and efficiently uses resources and minimizes waste, striving to reduce the ecological footprint of development.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Transportation, Planning and Engineering, Recreation, Parks and Culture, Facility Services

Summary

The Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS) approved by Council in June 2008, created through community public engagement, serves as a guiding document for open space and facility revitalization and development. The 15 year strategy provides, in five year increments, direction on how parks, natural areas, trails and leisure facilities should develop. The guiding principles focus on:

1. Revitalizing before building new;
2. Creating an integrated system of indoor and outdoor spaces to meet multiple recreation needs;
3. Reducing the ecological footprint of development; and
4. Creating opportunities for community partnership and stewardship.

The first five years (2009 – 2013) involved successful revitalization of indoor leisure facilities (Ardrossan Recreation Complex, Millennium Place, Broadmoor Arena/Golf Clubhouse); outdoor urban and rural open spaces (South Cooking Lake, Clover Bar Ranch Park, Centennial Wetlands, Sherwood Heights) and community recreation master plan development (Brentwood, Kinsmen/Westboro, South Cooking Lake, Heritage Hills, Ardrossan and Josephburg).

The second five years (2014 – 2018) resulted in the approval, construction and opening of the RE/MAX Broadmoor Spray Park and Playground in Broadmoor Lake Park, Emerald Hills Leisure Centre, Emerald Hills Regional Park and Sports Pavilion and a revitalized Glen Allan Recreation Complex. Construction of the Ardrossan Spray Park and the Kinsmen Leisure Centre change room addition are planned for 2018.

As part of the outdoor walkability program a trails strategy was approved by Council in April of 2012. The key focus of this program has been to complete missing trail linkages, the Trans Canada Trail and River Valley Alliance initiative.

Overall, 2018 will be a year of re-engagement with the community to reaffirm priorities with residents, community partners and stakeholders for the continued investment in health and well-being of the community. Once completed, the revised strategy will provide a community driven comprehensive plan that outlines the priorities for the next five years (2019 – 2023), while providing guidance for the next 15 years (2019-2033) for open space and facility revitalization and development.

Enclosure

- 1 Encl 1 Open Space Recreation and Facility Strategy (OSRFS) Update – June 13, 2017 (Document: 10279348)
- 2 Encl 2 ppt OSRFS June 2017 Update (Document: 10283454)