

Priorities Committee Meeting_Feb13_2018

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032 Update

Report Purpose

To provide the Priorities Committee with an update on the Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032, formally known as the Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS) renewal.

Council History

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

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

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: The Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032 identifies the core functions of both indoor and outdoor infrastructure requirements through managing, investing and planning for recreation infrastructure.

Governance: N/A

Social: Development of the Recreation Strategy 2020 – 2032 will establish and confirm necessary outdoor and indoor community amenities, programs and services to supply the diverse needs of residents.

Culture: Development of the Recreation Strategy 2020 – 2032 will establish and provide insight to the existing community cultural amenities, programs and services, adding to the vibrancy of the community.

Environment: Development of the Recreation Strategy 2020 – 2032 will provide insight to land management for open space and sports field development and strive to reduce the ecological footprint of future developments.

Other Impacts

Policy: N/A

Legislative/Legal: N/A

Interdepartmental: Family and Community Services, Economic Development and Tourism, Transportation Planning and Engineering, Planning and Development Services, Facility Services, Communications, Strathcona County Library, Transportation and Agricultural Services

Summary

The Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy approved by Council in June, 2008 has served as the guiding document for community development in indoor and outdoor infrastructure through Recreation, Parks and Culture over the last ten years. Within these ten years, further development of specific plans and strategies have been developed and significant revitalization and development of indoor and outdoor spaces across the broad spectrum of recreation needs, as determined by residents, has occurred. Please refer to Enclosure 1, Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS) Update which was presented to the Priorities Committee on June 13, 2017.

The OSRFS renewal, as it was named through the 2018 budget process, is being renamed the Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032. The Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032 intends to expand and broaden the focus beyond indoor facilities, parks, fields, trails and open space infrastructure. The Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032 will also include identification, development and delivery methods of a full range of recreation programs. Strathcona

County will explore recreation related community development through collaboration, partnerships and empowerment of the community to support recreation related development.

The Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032 strategic framework will assist Strathcona County in guiding long term community investments in recreation, culture, programs and open space development opportunities. As in any long term strategy, it is reviewed through the annual budget process for consideration.

As part of the overall public engagement process, Recreation, Parks and Culture will be creating an administrative advisory committee. The Committee makeup will be five to eight citizens at large and six appointed representatives from other related departments and outside agencies. The purpose of the Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032 Advisory Committee is to provide strategic advice on the development of the strategy and to ensure the strategy meets the needs of the community. Through taking a systems level view to ensure the various parts of the strategy are robust, given due consideration and are appropriately balanced will assist with achieving the best result.

The Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032 is planned as an 18 month process with completion anticipated to be June of 2019. Extensive engagement will be implemented in phases, over the seasons of activities to capture input as residents, community organizations, sports associations and guests enjoy and participate in their recreation season.

With the length of the Recreation Strategy, continuous updates and communication is planned to keep Council apprised of the progress and upcoming activities through to presentation of the finalized strategy and complimentary action plan.

Enclosures

- 1 Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy update
- 2 Recreation Strategy 2020 - 2032 Strategy Start-Up presentation