

## **Priorities Committee Meeting\_Jun14\_2016**

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### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**

#### **Aquatics Service Model Update**

##### **Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with an update on Aquatic Services in Strathcona County with the addition of the Emerald Hills Leisure Centre

##### **Council History**

June 24, 2014 - Council approved funding necessary to construct the Emerald Hills Leisure Centre with an anticipated opening in the fall of 2016.

##### **Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** Investing in efficient/effective municipal infrastructure that meets the need of a growing community.

**Governance:** n/a

**Social:** Provides quality facilities that enable a range of aquatic activities and opportunities that are available, accessible and used by residents.

**Culture:** n/a

**Environment:** Improves the efficiency of resource usage, minimizing the volume of waste and its impact on the community through efficient water filtration systems.

##### **Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** n/a

**Interdepartmental:** Recreation, Parks and Culture, Facility Services, Information Technology Services and Emergency Services

##### **Summary**

- The Emerald Hills Leisure Centre was designed and constructed to meet identified community needs derived from the Open Space Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS), Aquatic Strategy. The needs identified were:
  1. Learn to swim lessons;
  2. Lap swimming and aquatic fitness;
  3. Swim club lanes;
  4. Rehabilitation/therapy; and
  5. Recreational space for zero to six years old.
- Construction of the Emerald Hills Leisure Centre is on schedule for Strathcona County to receive occupancy June 30<sup>th</sup>. For the following 90 days, Recreation, Parks and Culture and other departments are required to undertake the rigors of commissioning, permitting, staff training, building and operational systems validation and testing operational practices.
- The grand opening is planned for Saturday, October 1, 2016 with more information to follow.

- Emerald Hills Leisure Centre's programs and schedule will be included in the Recreation, Parks and Culture fall program guide. The guide is scheduled to be available online and at facilities July 22, 2016. The fall program guide includes registrations for a ten week swim lesson session starting October 11, 2016.

**Communication Plan**

A public communication plan has been developed to create awareness to promote and aid interested residents through a variety of printed and electronic media as well as through promotional activities.

**Enclosure**

- 1 Aquatics Service Model Update PowerPoint
- 2 Communication Plan – Aquatic Services