

LACOMBE AND DISTRICT RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURE BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5PM

Present: Kirstin Bouwsema, County Representative (Chairperson)
Emma Vockeroth, City Representative (Vice Chairperson) – called in
Paula Law, Reeve, County Councillor
Jonathan Jacobson, City Councillor - arrived at 5:17PM
Ashely Morrison, County Representative
Diana Wiebe, City Representative – called in
Dani Ducross, City Representative - arrived at 5:52PM
Sandi Stewart, Recreation and Culture Manager
Sonya Beauclair, Recreation & Culture Assistant

Regrets: Teresa Johnson, City Representative
Ameerah Giesbrecht, Student Representative

1. Call to order/Introductions

Kirstin Bouwsema called the meeting to order at 5:15PM

2. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

- Remove 5.0.1 LMHA PeeWee Provincials from Facility Rental Assistance Grants as event has been cancelled
- Remove 7.2 Encore Annual Sale and Celebration of Creative Expression as it has also been cancelled due to COVID-19

Moved by Ashley Morrison that the agenda for March 16, 2020 be adopted as amended

CARRIED *unanimously*

3. Adoption of February 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Jonathan Jacobson that the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting of the Lacombe and District Recreation, Parks and Culture Board be approved as presented

CARRIED *unanimously*

4. Presentations/Correspondence

None

5. Ongoing Business

5.0 Facility Rental Assistance Grant (\$4,227)

None

5.1 Recreation and Culture Grant

- Sandi explained the history of the grant. Discussion occurred on how to best review the applications. The Board may not follow the agenda's order.

5.1.1 WCPCN – Minds in Motion (\$2785)

- This program is for older adults and seniors with early signs of Alzheimer's and other dementias. It provides physical activity and cognitive stimulation in a social, safe, stigma free environment.
- Board thought this sounded great especially because it gives seniors something to look forward to after these times of isolation.

Moved by Diana Wiebe that the Board approve the request from WCPCN in the amount of \$2785 for the Minds in Motion program

CARRIED *unanimously*

5.1.2 CAYU – Make Ahead Meals (\$8750)

- This program will allow youth living in the CAYU housing to learn cooking skills, healthy eating options, planning ahead and budgeting. It will also benefit the community, as they will make a meal to share.
- CAYU could ask local grocery stores for a donation via reducing the cost of food.
- CAYU are bringing staff in specifically for this program.

Moved by Jonathan Jacobson that the Board approve the request from CAYU in the amount of \$5832 for the Make Ahead Meals program

CARRIED
3 opposed

5.1.3 Mary C Moore Library – Makerspace/Creator Space (\$6383)

Kirstin stepped out of the meeting during this discussion due to conflict of interest and returned after the discussion and motion.

- This proposal will facilitate making. Patrons can explore, collaborate, create, and learn in a creative space. Participants learn skills that can turn into careers, good for all ages. Similar to a program in Calgary called Beaker Head.
- The grant covers the cost of the equipment and not salaries. The Board wondered who would deal with ongoing participants as there are only 16 hours allotted in the proposed budget. Suggested that they encourage parents to help with supervising. Worried it will be busier than anticipated but this is a good problem.

Moved by Jonathan Jacobson that the Board approve the request from Mary C Moore Library in the amount of \$6383 for the Makerspace/Creator Space

CARRIED *unanimously*

5.1.4 Curious City Play Centre – Play Centre Cafe (\$15000)

- This proposal will provide an indoor play space for children, accommodate party bookings, and provide social events for both children and parents. A need for an indoor playground was identified in the Recreation & Culture Master Plan.
- Board members may be more inclined to support something specific like one of their programs or certain supplies.
- They only need \$1649 to balance the budget.
- There was a similar program in Grand Prairie that ran a couple days a week in another facility like the legion. This could be a good as a shared facility program and run several days a week instead.

No motion made as all funds have been disbursed

5.1.5 Feedback on the new grant application form

- Ask how frequently the program is running
- Ask about location of the program/initiative

6. New Business

None

7. Information

7.0 Recreation Service Monthly Report

- Sandi shared some highlights from the report
- Sandi explained the changes in the Community Services Division

7.1 Kinsmen Aquatic Centre Stats

Moved by Paula Law that the Board accept the reports as information

CARRIED *unanimously*

7.3 Other

8. Next Meeting

May 19, 2020 5PM, Board Room at Lacombe Memorial Centre

9. Adjournment

Moved by Jonathan Jacobson to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM