

AGENDA TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Wednesday, June 2, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M. 962 St. John Avenue, Council Chambers <u>Virtual via Zoom</u>

1. Call to Order

# 2. Agenda Approval

# 3. <u>Scheduled Delegations</u>

- 3.1 AHS COVID Update Kristen Dykstra 9:00 am
- 3.2 Cabin Ridge Coal Brad Johnston and Linda Jefferson 9:15 am

# 4. <u>Committee Reports</u>

# 5. Administration

- 5.1 Upcoming Meetings
- 5.2 Operations Department Major Project Update
- 5.3 Open for Summer Plan Alberta

# 6. <u>Business Arising from the Minutes</u>

- 6.1 Traffic Safety Issues
- 6.2 Terms of Reference amendments for Policy Committee

# 7. <u>Policy</u>

# 8. <u>New Business</u>

- 8.1 Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy Endorsement of Support
- 8.2 Municipal Energy Project Lead Introduction and Update (No RFD)
- 8.3 June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation

# 9. <u>Closed Session</u>

# 10. Adjournment



# **OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

# Major Project Update

As of May 25, 2021

Project Title	Status	Consultant	Contractor	Details
Lebel Mansion Elevator Access	In-Progress	N/A	Lethbridge Elevator Ltd.	<ul> <li>Project 99% complete</li> <li>All work is complete, final inspection is scheduled</li> </ul>
Infrastructure Master Plan	In-Progress	ISL Engineering	N/A	<ul> <li>Phase 1 completed in 2020</li> <li>Phase 2 underway</li> </ul>
NE Industrial Area Structure Plan	In-Progress	Stantec	N/A	<ul> <li>No update (being managed by Legislative Services)</li> </ul>
Hydrant Replacements	Awarded	N/A	Jenex Contracting Ltd.	<ul> <li>Work anticipated occur in August 2021</li> <li>Locations in the Canyon Drive/Victoria Crescent Area</li> </ul>
Sanitary Forcemain Twinning (AMWWP Grant)	Out for Bidding	Stantec	TBD	<ul> <li>Tender closes June 7, 2021</li> <li>Will present recommendation for award to Council at June 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting</li> </ul>
Waterline Creek Crossing Replacement	Construction Postponed to 2022	Stantec	TBD	<ul> <li>Construction being postponed to 2022 due to significant impacts of Creek designation increasing preliminary design requirements.</li> <li>Have received confirmation of grant extension for the Alberta Community Resiliency Program to December 31, 2022.</li> </ul>
WTP Pump Replacements (Municipal Stimulus Grant)	Design	ISL Engineering	BCI-Canada (for Alum) TBD (for additional pumps)	<ul> <li>Alum Pump System Replacement Complete</li> <li>Pump Replacement RFQ will be sent by invitation to 3 contractors for bidding in early June</li> </ul>
Watermain Survey (Municipal Asset Management Grant)	In-Progress	ISL Engineering	N/A	<ul> <li>Grant funding confirmed</li> <li>Survey complete, data analysis underway</li> </ul>



# **OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

# **Major Project Update**

As of May 25, 2021

Project Title	Status	Consultant	Contractor	Details
Water Treatment Plant PLC Replacement	In-Progress	N/A	Candu Automation & Control Solutions Ltd.	<ul> <li>Parts being ordered, work expected to commence in June 2021 with completion estimated in October 2021</li> </ul>
Community Recreation Centre HVAC Upgrades	Awarded	N/A	Chief Mountain Gas Co- op Ltd.	<ul> <li>Contract awarded</li> <li>Construction Start Date TBD</li> </ul>
Large Document Plotter/Scanner	Awarded	N/A	Corporate Business Equipment Ltd.	<ul> <li>Contract awarded</li> <li>Anticipated delivery date May 28, 2021</li> </ul>
Church to Willow Storm Upgrades	Awarded	ISL Engineering	Jenex Contracting Ltd.	<ul> <li>Contract awarded</li> <li>Construction start delayed due to back-order on pipe materials from supplier. Still anticipating 2021 construction.</li> </ul>
2021 Concrete Replacement	In Evaluation	N/A	TBD	<ul> <li>RFP Closed May 25, 2021</li> <li>Expect to award project in early June 2021</li> </ul>
Charlotte Street Sanitary Sewer Lining	Awarded	ISL Engineering	McGills Industrial Services	<ul> <li>Sanitary Sewer replacement in 2021 capital budget was left with location to be determined</li> <li>Within the allowable budget, administration determined Charlotte Street to be eligible for lining rather than full replacement.</li> </ul>

\* Above is not a comprehensive list of projects and only highlights those projects Administration deems as "major" or which we believe Council would be interested in updates.

Albertan SIN



Hospitalizations

under 500



Triggered 2 weeks after vaccine threshold is reached

Albertans 12+ with first dose 50% Hospitalizations under 800

Albertans 12+ 60%



STAGE 3 Triggered 2 weeks after vaccine threshold is reached

> Albertans 12+ with first dose 70%

Early-July

# June 1

# Up to 10 people for:

- indoor weddings,
- outdoor social gatherings,
- outdoor physical, performance and recreational activities are permitted for all ages,
- outdoor youth sports, performance and recreation in distanced groups
- Indoor social gatherings are still not permitted
- Outdoor patio dining of tables up to four people – Household and close contacts only
- Funerals up to 20 people
- Personal and wellness services can re-open, by appointment only
- Capacity for places of worship increases to 15% of fire code occupancy (effective May 28)
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect

 Outdoor social gatherings plus indoor and outdoor weddings and funerals increase to 20 people, with distancing plus public outdoor gatherings up to 150 people

Mid-June

**STAGE 2** 

Triggered 2 weeks after vaccine threshold is reached

- Retail capacity and capacity for places of worship increases to one third of fire code occupancy
- Restaurants may seat tables of up to six people, indoors or outdoors.
- Gyms and other indoor fitness open for solo and drop in activities with 3 metre distancing between participants, fitness classes may resume with 3 metre distancing
- Indoor settings may open with up to 30% of fire code occupancy (including indoor recreation centres, arenas, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, libraries, etc.)
- Indoors and outdoors youth and adult sports resume with no restrictions
- Youth activities (day camps, play centres) may resume, with restrictions
- Personal and wellness services can resume walk-in services
- Post-secondary can resume in-person
- The work from home order is lifted, although working from home is still recommended
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect

- All remaining public health restrictions lifted
- No restrictions on indoor social gatherings
- Isolation requirements for those with COVID-19 and measures in continuing care settings still in place

# #OpenForSummer

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**REQUEST FOR DECISION** 

Committee of the Whole

SUBJECT: Directional Dividing Lines		
PRESENTED BY:	DATE OF MEETING:	
Al Roth, Director of Operations	6/2/2021	

#### PURPOSE:

To present Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek to request administration to complete a design review before painting street lines to ensure engineering guidelines are being adhered to.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek pursue an engineering review for;

-Main Street between Beaver Drive and Canyon Crescent

-Beverley McLachlin Drive between Main Street and Veteran's Street.

As well as other potential hazards on urban roads within the Municipality designated by the Director of Operations Team.

# **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

In accordance with the Transportation Association of Canada

Directional Dividing Lines are normally applied throughout the entire length of the pavement on major provincial highways, on other major rural roads and on all major urban streets.

This issue is often reviewed by Operations during the normal assessments completed in the past. In the 2019 Budget process funding for ISL Engineering was designated to conduct surface road structures, as well as any safety issues arising from this study. To date the Engineering Team has not identified these particular areas of concern that Council has identified.

Administration has anticipated this report to completed prior to Sept.

On other urban streets where a continuous Directional Dividing Line is neither necessary nor practical, it is desirable to mark the following locations with a single solid yellow line: a) On the approaches to the crest of a hill where the clear view ahead is less than 150 m; b) 30 m in advance of and beyond any curve having a radius of less than 200m or where the sight distance is less than 150m;

c) On the approach to a major road for a distance of at least 10m in urban areas and 30 m in rural areas from the stop line, or longer if necessary to extend to the point at which vehicles are normally queued when stopped; and

d) For at least 30 m in advance of a railway crossing.

Paint product availability may be compromised due to shipping concerns.

Additional safety options may be forthcoming.

# **ALTERNATIVES:**

Refer to the 2021 Budget Process for a indepth discussion as it is related to our Asset Management policy and the ISL Engineering findings.

# **IMPLICATIONS/SUPPORT OF PAST STUDIES OR PLANS:**

The Alberta Highway Traffic act speaks to driving Left of Center on marked lines, indicating crossing the center line. Municipalities must show due diligence in creating a potential Hazard.

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

to Paint a center line on the street west from Beaver Drive, and into Canyon Cres. and further, that a center line be painted on Bev McLachlin Drive from Main Street to Veterans Street at total of 720 meters will be something that the Operation's Dept. would not be able to complete in a timely manner, or be completed in accordance to the Standard of practice set out by the Transportation Association of Canada without a possible impact on the 2021 Budget.

# PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Parking could be restricted in the areas where center lines are placed to ensure adequate spacing for vehicles in all weather conditions.

# ATTACHMENTS:

None at this time.

# **CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:**

The Operations Dept. supports Traffic Life Safety Issues and Councils effective questioning and regular reporting while setting direction for administration and the way it responds to public requests in a timely and well planned process.

Signatures: **Department Head:** 

CAO:

*CAL Roch* Launie Wilgosh

**REQUEST FOR DECISION** 

Committee of the Whole

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference amendments for Policy Committee		
PRESENTED BY:	DATE OF MEETING:	
Laurie Wilgosh, Chief Administrative Officer	6/2/2021	

#### PURPOSE:

To consider adding bylaw drafts and amendments to Policy Committee mandate

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek direct administration to add bylaw drafting and amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Policy Committee mandate, with the exception of Statutory Plans Division 4 of the Municipal Government Act including Land Use Bylaw amendments, which in addition to public consultation and hearings receive review from administration and ORRSC planners and are also time sensitive in their readings and passing.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

On Monday, May 25th Council directed administration to add the review and development of new and amended bylaws to the Terms of Reference for the Policy Committee.

Administration provides the following recommendation that all Statutory Plans Division 4 of the Municipal Government Act including Land Use Bylaw amendments be exempt from a review by the Policy Committee mandate.

Statutory Plans i.e.; Area Structure Plans, Area Development Plans, Land Use Bylaws and amendments each receive review from administration and ORRSC planners and are also time sensitive in their readings and passing. Also, the Statutory Plans involve public consultation and scheduled public hearings of which the Policy Committee members involvement could create a perceived bias when the issue/bylaw goes to Town Council for consideration.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

That Committee of the Whole receive the recommendation to add bylaw drafting and revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Policy Committee as information.

# **IMPLICATIONS/SUPPORT OF PAST STUDIES OR PLANS:**

Council committee review and bylaw development will assist the process in preparing bylaws and bringing them back to Council with recommendations to approve said bylaw. Adding another layer onto the process may cause delays in bylaw approval, and may not be appropriate for Statutory Plans including Land Use Bylaw amendments.

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Policy and Bylaw Development and Review Committee\_Terms of Reference\_2021 - 2658

# CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:

Administration supports that addition of bylaw amendments and drafting to the Terms of Reference for the Policy Committee with the exception of the Statutory Plans including the Land Use Bylaw and amendments which receives reviews and recommendations under the expertise of the ORRSC senior planner and administration.

Signatures: Department Head:	August Kollee	
CAO:	Laurie Wilgosh	



# POLICY and BYLAW DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE Terms of Reference



# Introduction

The Policy <u>and Bylaw</u> Development and Review Committee is established with the participation of two appointed council members and two managers or directors with additional administrative staff as required. The Purpose of the committee will be to draft new policy <u>and bylaw</u> as required and identified, and to review and revise existing policy <u>and bylaw</u> as needed. In addition, the Policy Committee with assist Administration with the drafting and or review and amendments to Town bylaws.

# **Key Responsibilities**

The Town has many policies and bylaws in place which should be reviewed at a minimum of every five years. At the same time new policies and bylaws are required to outline Council's direction and expectations of the Town's management and staff in dealing with services and operations.

The Policy <u>and Bylaw</u> Development and Review Committee will be charged with scheduling regular policy and bylaw review as required and drafting of new policy, and bylaws all of which will be presented in due course to the full Council for review and approval.

# Training

The Management Team, supported by the Policy <u>and Bylaw</u> Committee will be responsible for informing and training staff in the implementation of all new and revised policies<u>and bylaws</u>, once approved by Council.

# Meetings

Meetings will be held monthly or as needed. The policy <u>and bylaw</u> review/development list will be provided at the first meeting of the Committee, as well as a proposed policy <u>and or bylaw</u> to begin review. A copy of the <u>document</u> under development or review with updates will be provided at least two days prior to the committee meeting.

# Appointments/Membership

Council appointment will happen annually during the Organizational meeting. Two Directors or Managers as per policy and department requirements

# Members' Responsibilities

Committee members are expected to review the proposed documents and attend the meeting with any wording changes or appropriate questions and background.

# Administrative Lead

The Committee Administrative Lead will prepare and provide the documents for review. As this is a working committee, all preparation, and input is the responsibility of all four members. A chair of the meeting is not required, with all members required to stay on track, and contribute equally.

One member will be selected by the committee to act as secretary. The secretary position is for one year. Secretary responsibilities include:

- Ensure meeting place is arranged
- Ensure members are notified of meeting date, times, and locations
- Taking notes during the committee meeting, clarifying with members as necessary whatever decisions have been reached
- Preparing the meeting notes and circulating to members within two weeks of the meeting

# POLICY AND BYLAW FORMAT

The Policy Format will be according to the Policy and Procedures Standards, Policy # 102-93, and updates; Town Bylaws will be formatted according to the present template with corresponding identification numbers.

CAO, Town of Pincher Creek

Date

**REQUEST FOR DECISION** 

*Committee of the Whole* 

SUBJECT: Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy - Endorsement of Support		
PRESENTED BY:	DATE OF MEETING:	
Lisa Goss, Administrative Manager	6/2/2021	

#### PURPOSE:

For Committee of the Whole to consider an endorsement of support for the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek receive the Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy - Endorsement of Support information from the Town of High River as presented.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**:

Administration received correspondence from the Town of High River dated May 19, 2021 requesting action on an endorsement of support for the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

That Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek authorize and approve the endorsement of support provided by the Town of High River regarding the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy.

That Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek direct administration to garner further information regarding the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy.

# **IMPLICATIONS/SUPPORT OF PAST STUDIES OR PLANS:**

None at this time.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None at this time.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Council has entertained several delegations recently regarding coal development in the area.

# ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Alberta Coal Policy - 2655

#### CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:

Administration supports that Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek receive the Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy - Endorsement of Support information from the Town of High River as presented.

Signatures: **Department Head:** 

CAO:

*Lisa Goss* Laurie Wilgosh



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May 19, 2021

# OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# ACTION REQUIRED

VIA E-MAIL

Town of Pincher Creek Mr. Don Anderberg PO Box 159 Pincher Creek, AB TOK 1W0 Email: reception@pinchercreek.ca

Attention: Mayor Don Anderberg & Members of Council

#### RE: Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy

Dear Your Worship & Members of Council:

Your input on the future of the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies is important to the long-term health of our water resources and their ability to provide clean drinking water to all communities in the Province. The Town of High River remains concerned about the negative impacts coal mining will have on our communities, landscapes, water resources, and future generations. We are requesting your support for our version of a new policy that reflects our desire to protect the Eastern Slopes and our water resources in perpetuity.

The Town of High River has met with the Coal Policy Committee and agreed to prepare a framework that would see coal exploration and development banned along the Eastern Slopes. At our May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council unanimously supported the wording outlined below and we are requesting all Alberta Municipalities join us in supporting the proposed policy.

Specifically, the Town's proposed <u>*Alberta Coal Restriction Policy*</u> would be effective November 15, 2021 and has three key principles:

- 1. No further coal exploration or development will be permitted on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta. There will no longer be categories within this area and, instead, there would only be one area defined today as the Eastern Slopes.
- 2. Existing coal mining operations in the Hinton/Grande Cache areas will be permitted to retire gracefully.
- 3. Reclamation of lands disturbed by coal exploration activities with coal exploration permits issued prior to February 8, 2021 must be reclaimed no later than December 31, 2025.

Our rationale for the three principles of the Alberta Coal Restriction Policy are as follows:

- 1. The inherent value of the Eastern Slopes only exists with the landscape remaining intact.
- 2. The headwaters and landscapes of the Eastern Slopes are critical to the future of our province. Our communities, agriculture production, food production, tourism, and recreation all rely on these landscapes existing and their watersheds producing clean water. Water is a limited resource that we all require to exist. The Town is strongly opposed to any activity that increases the likelihood of water contamination. Once a waterway has been contaminated by coal mining, this action cannot be reversed. Our future generations depend on us protecting this
- 3. The negative impacts on the environment, human health, animal health and existing economies far outweigh the new jobs, taxes, royalties or economics that may be generated as a result of coal development in this area.

The Town will collect all feedback received and report back to the Coal Policy Committee in July 2021.

If you are in support of the proposed policy wording, please send a signed letter to myself or acknowledge your support utilizing the endorsement below. Please send all letters and feedback to <u>csnodgrass@highriver.ca</u>, with a copy to <u>legislativeservices@highriver.ca</u> no later than July 15, 2021.

I will then present this policy to the Coal Policy Committee along with the feedback received. If you are interested in participating in the presentation of this policy to the Coal Policy Committee, please contact me at the above noted email address.

Thank you for considering supporting this important initiative.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Craig Snodgrass Mayor Cell: 403.652.9489

CS/cp/kr

# **Endorsement of Support**

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

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,can advise that the City/Town/Village of

supports the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as prepared above.

Signature

**REQUEST FOR DECISION** 

*Committee of the Whole* 

SUBJECT: June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation		
PRESENTED BY:	DATE OF MEETING:	
Adam, Recreation Manager	6/2/2021	

#### PURPOSE:

For Committee of the Whole to consider proclaiming June Recreation and Parks Month.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek recognizes the benefits and values that recreation, parks and leisure services provide, does hereby designate the month of June as Recreation & Parks Month and that the Proclamation be added to the Proclamation Policy list.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) has been recognizing June is Recreation and Parks Month (JRPM) for the past 20 years. This recognition of the month of June highlights the many benefits recreation and parks bring to our communities and citizens and acknowledges the strong foundation of recreation and parks facilities and programs in Alberta.

JRPM is in its 20th year of recognizing recreation and parks in Alberta, and across the country. To celebrate JRPM and your community, ARPA is asking for your public support by signing the official June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation attached.

The Town of Pincher Creek Parks and Recreation team have plans in place during the month of June to celebrate and highlight some of our local parks and recreation assets. Pincher ParticipAction app will give residents the opportunity to track their activity and be entered into win some great prizes. Bike Bingo will return, there will be a photo challenge with weekly prizes and the Parks passport will be highlighted again. All these celebrations will be covid-friendly and encourages residents to stay active while staying within COVID restrictions.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

None

IMPLICATIONS/SUPPORT OF PAST STUDIES OR PLANS: None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None

# **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Highlighting and celebrating our parks and recreation assets may bring attention to unknown assets in our community and encourages a healthy lifestyle.

# **ATTACHMENTS:**

2021 JRPM Proclamation - 2659 ARPA June is Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation - 2659

# CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:

Administration supports Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher in recognition of the benefits and values that recreation, parks and leisure services provide, does hereby designate the month of June as June is Recreation & Parks Month.

Signatures: **Department Head:** 

*Lisa Goss* Launie Wilgosh

CAO:

# **PROCLAMATION** Municipality





# JUNE IS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

Whereas, in Alberta, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors from around the world; and

Whereas, recreation and parks enhance quality of life, active living, leisure education, and lifelong learning, helps people live happier and longer, develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth, develops creativity and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles, and enhances overall mental health and wellbeing; and

Whereas, recreation and parks build family unity and social capital, strengthens volunteer and community development, enhances social interaction, creates community pride and vitality, promotes equity, inclusivity, sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity, and fosters a sense of belonging; and

Whereas, recreation and parks can be used for therapy and rehabilitation of individuals experiencing illness, impairment, and disability; and

**Whereas,** the benefits provided by recreation and parks programs and services reduce healthcare and social service costs, serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability, enhance property values, decrease vandalism, attract new business, increase tourism and curb employee absenteeism; and

Whereas, our parks, open spaces and trails ensure ecological sustainability, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

**Whereas,** all levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities.

**Now, Therefore be it Resolved,** that the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) does hereby proclaim that June, which witnesses the greening of Alberta and serves as a significant gateway to family activities, has been designated as June is Recreation & Parks Month, which will annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived year round from quality recreation and parks resources at the local, regional and provincial levels.

**Therefore,** \_\_\_\_\_(name of municipality/organization), in recognition of the benefits and values that recreation, parks and leisure services provide, does hereby designate the month of June as June is Recreation & Parks Month.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 by:

\_(print name and title)

\_\_(signature)

Visit arpaonline.ca/events/JRPM/ for more information

From: Heather Cowie <<u>cboorse@arpaonline.ca</u>>
Sent: May 19, 2021 7:16 AM
To: Cao <<u>cao@pinchercreek.ca</u>>
Subject: June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation

May 19, 2021

Mayor Don Anderberg & Council Town of Pincher Creek PO Box 159 Pincher Creek, AB TOK 1W0

#### **RE: June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation**

Dear Mayor Don Anderberg & Councillors,

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) has been recognizing June is Recreation and Parks Month (JRPM) for the past 20 years. This recognition of the month of June highlights the many benefits recreation and parks bring to our communities and citizens and acknowledges the strong foundation of recreation and parks facilities and programs in Alberta.

JRPM is in its 20th year of recognizing recreation and parks in Alberta, and across the country. We continue to work towards our vision to make JRPM a household name, so that when June rolls around, every Albertan is eager and excited to spend the month enjoying all the recreation activities and parks they have at their disposal.

To celebrate JRPM and your community, ARPA is asking for your public support by signing the official June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation attached. By signing this proclamation, your signalling to your community that quality recreation and parks resources are beneficial and should be celebrated.

In addition to the 20th Anniversary of JRPM, it is also ARPA's 70th Anniversary. ARPA is a not-for-profit organization committed to building healthier and happier communities and citizens by developing and promoting recreation and parks. Many of the municipalities in Alberta with staff, programs and facilities that support recreation and parks are members of ARPA. This past year has been a difficult one to support communities and citizens with the services we are proud to deliver. We would like to acknowledge the important role that recreation and parks play in each of our communities and we ask you to join in these celebrations by thanking your recreation and parks employees for the work they have done, especially over this past year.

We believe in the power of recreation and parks, and we want Alberta to know it. Our goal is for Albertans to recognize JRPM and to celebrate by getting outdoors and being active.

Please get in touch with our Communications Coordinator, Caleb Boorse, to learn more about JRPM, or if your municipality is choosing to sign the proclamation, by email at <u>cboorse@arpaonline.ca</u> or visit our website at <u>https://arpaonline.ca/events/JRPM/rp-overview</u>.

Sincerely,

Heather Cowie ARPA President



Heather Cowie President Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (780)-415-1745 www.arpaonline.ca



ARPA would like to acknowledge the First Nations, the Métis, and all of the people across Alberta who share a history and a deep connection with this land. We dedicate ourselves to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.