

Subject:	Recreation Strategy
Agenda Date:	March 4, 2021
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RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ask the Recreation Events Committee that was started in 2020 to act as the Recreation Working Committee to review and comment on the formation of our Recreation Strategy;

AND FURTHER THAT the Recreation Working Committee be granted the freedom to add local expertise depending on the type of recreation activity or infrastructure being studied.

INFORMATION

At the last meeting of Council we started the discussion concerning the future of the arena. While the arena is a key item of recreation infrastructure in our Municipality, there are other items of recreation infrastructure and activities that would all work together in a strategy for our community recreation.

Prior to the pandemic, a Recreation Events Committee was established that included municipal representation as well as individuals and other community organizations. This Committee did get off to a great start although their efforts were stalled with the arrival of the restrictions associated with the pandemic response.

That being said, there is a good diversity of views and interest hosted by this Committee. On page 55 of our Service Delivery Review, one of the recreation initiatives is to establish a Recreation Strategy Plan and a Recreation Working Committee. Our Recreation Events Committee could be repurposed to be our Recreation Working Committee and be charged with providing comments towards the formation of an all-encompassing recreation strategy for the municipality.

This Committee should also be granted some freedom to invite local expertise depending on the type of recreation that is being discussed. For example, there are many people who may have good insight in our recreational trails while others may have insight on sports fields, etc. The whole purpose of this is to get a better sense of what our community would like as part of our recreation offerings and then develop a strategy on how these can be achieved.

Respectfully Submitted: Craig Davidson Treasurer/Administrator