

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL
RECREATION
COMMITTEE**

MINUTES For June 21, 2023 Meeting

Location: Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, | Time: 9 – 11 AM

Invited Attendees: Amanda Frayn, Anna Underwood, Bob Marshall, Christina Ketchum, Christine Rawlins, Cody Moulds, Daycie Bohning, Deborah Wood, Helen Garland, Jackie Clayton, Karna Germsheid, Kate Potter, Kelly Peterson, Melody Sample, Stephanie Cajolais, Steve Zimmerman, Tanya Harvey, Wendy Bosch.

Chair: Mayor Kelly Peterson, Town of Wembley.

<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>1.1 Establish Quorum Land acknowledgement read by Wembley Councillor Underwood in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day.</p> <p>1.2 Terms of Reference voting requirements-One vote per Municipality.</p> <p>1.3 Identified one voting member per Municipality.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>2. Seek approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>3. Seek approval of previous minutes</p> <p>3.1 GPRRC 2023-03-17 meeting minutes – Attached</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>4. Old Business</p> <p>4.1 Potential Crosslink County Sportsplex Expansion Update</p> <p>MOTION – GPRRC – 06-15-2022- 04 (made by Kurt Balderston) to direct administration to pursue the Crosslink County Sportsplex expansion as a full-size soccer pitch expansion and multi-sport fieldhouse addition and direct administration to seek updated design and project costs. Administration to determine financial commitment by Municipal partners towards the cost of a detailed design and CARRIED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County: Still very much an active and ongoing conversation. Exploring the possibility that the turf Sportsplex fieldhouse could be converted into a court space if a turf facility is installed in City. The Consultant estimates a cost of \$2.5 Million to convert. Court space would include Pickleball, Badminton, Tennis, Volleyball and Basketball. See attachment for layout. City: Initial request came from a user group related to demolition of Leisure Centre and impacts it would have on sports in the region. Jan 2023 delegation presented to City Council and proposed a dome facility/air structure. Council tasked Administration to research and report back. April 2023 City Council approved in principle up to \$10 Million from debentures towards an indoor recreation facility at the Avondale location as the potential site in partnership with GP Public School Division. Currently working on opportunities for engagement with stakeholders, the neighbourhood, and the general public. Karna: Need will not go away. Population growth of 1.5% projected until 2040 and retention and recruitment projects in region will increase need. Suggests proactively looking at the next 10-15 years. Recommends a strategic plan on how to alleviate pinch points. Councillor Bosch: Identified that user groups report significant numbers of youth that can't play sports due to facility constraints. The proposed recreation facility is intended to be a Multi-sport facility for a variety of users. Information regarding using Evergreen Park as a temporary recreation space will hopefully come to City Council and back to GPRRC over the summer. 	<p>County of GP/City of GP</p>

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<p>4.2 Regional Marketing Plan Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website content delivered by Coordinator to nine10. • Stylescape and Storyboard delivered by nine10. • Marketing strategy meeting held with North 43 on June 8, 2023. • Hopeful to have design elements completed in time to order new banner and swag for ARPA conference in October. <p>4.3 Regional Recreation Coordinator position-Request for Decision in 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification requested on surplus and carry over of money from 2022. • 2023 up to date expenses and forecast requested by Committee. • RFD Option 1-MOTION-GPRRC-06-21-2023-01 (made by Reeve Marshall) to renew the GPRRC Coordinator position at 0.75 FTE for a one-year term in 2024 within the operating budget of \$76,795 pending the approval by all Municipal partners and CARRIED. 	<p>Coordinator</p> <p>Town of Sexsmith</p>
<p>5. New Business</p> <p>5.1 GPRRC Facility Allocation Policy Template</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWG proposes to hire a consultant to assess the current state of facility booking and allocation of the partner municipalities, identify best practices at the national level and suggested approaches to allocation policies. • Policy template would be developed for allocation of aquatics, arenas, sports fields, indoor fields (turf) and gymnasium/fieldhouse spaces for each partner to consider. • Outcomes include guiding principles for allocation, guidelines for allocation of space and ranking of priority uses and clear internal and external booking procedures. • Proposal fits within approved budget for the GPRRC. Administration will pursue policy development and bring a report back to a future GPRRC Committee meeting. <p>5.2 Rural Recreation Town Halls-Request for Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggesting Rural Recreation Town Halls as a follow up to the 2020 Household Survey with focus on rural grassroots sports where there is a big need. • Discussion surrounding many barriers to children’s sports. Transportation, time, financial and social barriers exist. • Challenge of identifying and engaging volunteers to become leaders and coaches for sports is at forefront. • Town Halls present an opportunity to meet with community members, potential volunteers and identify challenges and ways that GPRRC can engage partners, provide support and make connections. • Many agreed that in smaller communities it is best to identify people that are circles of influence to invite them, as well as engaging and leveraging schools to connect with children and families. • The proposal compliments the County’s Hamlet Resiliency Strategy currently underway.. • RFD Option 1-MOTION-GPRRC-06-21-2023-02 (made by Councillor Bosch) Proceed with recreation town halls in 6 locations, along with an online survey and final report and CARRIED. <p>5.3 RFD GPRRC Terms of Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Review of the Terms of Reference (TOR) is required. • Historically there has not been a financial model identified for GPRRC. • Changes to TOR will allow partner municipalities to discuss financial implications with partner municipalities and at Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee and then bring back to GPRRC. • Councils see merit of the AWG doing work and research; financial piece is often where delays are experienced without an established financial model. • RFD Option 1-MOTION-06-21-2023-03 (made by Reeve Marshall) to Accept the amended GPRRC Terms of Reference as presented, and CARRIED. 	<p>City of GP</p> <p>Town of Wembley and Coordinator</p> <p>City and County of GP</p>

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<p>5.4 ARPA Conference Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday October 27, 2023 from 14:45-15:45 is GPRRC Session. Elected officials were asked to notify Coordinator if they were attending the ARPA conference to assist with planning for the conference presentation. 	<p>Coordinator</p>
<p>6. Report from Coordinator</p> <p>6.1 GPRRC Implementation Plan 2023 update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report was accepted as presented. 	<p>Coordinator</p>
<p>7. Roundtable</p> <p>7.1 Municipal Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Grande Prairie aquatics area will shutdown for 7 weeks Sept-Oct 2023 for annual maintenance and some large scale repairs including installing sound mitigation panels. Councillor Bosch and Karna Germsheid of GP Sports Connection brought up interest in finding out reasons why or why not people put their children into sports. Future consideration for AWG to collect this information as part of the regular surveys that GPRRC conducts (Generally every 2 years a smaller one, every 5 years a bigger one). Next one would be 2024/2025. Could potentially gather some of this information as part of the Recreation Town Halls. 	<p>All</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting</p> <p>Host Community: City of Grande Prairie Location: Grande Prairie City Hall, South Conference Room Date: September 20, 2023 From: 9-11 AM</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>8. Meeting Adjournment-Councillor Underwood made motion to adjourn the meeting.</p>	<p>Chair</p>