



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**March 16, 2021, 9:30 A.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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| PRESENT | C. Blackburn | Committee Chair |
| | D. Bressey | Councillor |
| | W. Pilat | Councillor |
| | J. Clayton | Mayor (ex officio) |
| ALSO PRESENT | Y. Minhas | Councillor |
| | E. Friesen | Councillor |
| | K. O’Toole | Councillor |
| | C. Thiessen | Councillor |
| | H. Galanti | City Manager |
| | S. Bourke | Corporate Services Director |
| | B. Glavin | Infrastructure & Economic Development Director |
| | A. Miller | Community Services Director |
| | C. Manuel | Protective & Social Services Director |
| | K. Biberdorf | Community Recreation Dev. Supervisor |
| | A. Van Beekveld | Council Committee Coordinator |

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. Councillor Blackburn requested that Councillor Bressey assume the role of Deputy Chair for this meeting.

2. DELEGATIONS

2.1 Grande Prairie Public Library

D. Cryderman, representative of the Grande Prairie Public Library, was present to provide Committee with an update on their successes and challenges over the past year.

2.2 Bear Creek Folk Festival

S. Card, representative of the Bear Creek Folk Festival, was present to request that the Bear Creek Folk Festival defer Large Scale Tourism Funding received in 2020. This funding was deferred to 2021, and the board is requesting that the funding be deferred to the 2022 Festival.

MOVED by W. Pilat

Committee recommend Council direct Administration to amend the funding agreement between the City and the Bear Creek Folk Festival to allow the Festival to use the previously allocated Large-Scale Tourism funding for the 2022 event.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3. REPORTS

3.1 Director's Service Area Report

A. Miller, Community Services Director, presented Committee with an update on the current and projected activities planned throughout the service area:

- Community Knowledge Campus - With the ease of restrictions in Step 2, new program offerings are 91% booked at the fieldhouse, up from 83% the previous week. Aquatic registered programs and swimming lessons are 100% booked. Amenities added yesterday include new facility hours M-F 5:30am-8:30pm (closed 1-4pm). Single use visits to the fitness centre and track, as well as Toonie Track M-F 830-10am, are to be pre-booked via PerfectMind. Members can unfreeze existing memberships or use the revised one-month spring membership pricing at the following rates: Adult \$50; Senior \$37; Student \$35; Youth \$33; single visit \$5.
- Events & Entertainment - The RFP for the Main Concession Design at Revolution Place has been awarded to Field Lievers Architecture. The Ice Carving Partnership with the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie had over 54K views on the Facebook livestream over the two days. The Grande Prairie Storm hosted their first home games this past weekend, streamed on HockeyTV.com.
- Facilities - Administration is assisting Energy & Environment with the Facility Energy Scans project. Preparations and review are underway of required start up tasks and operational procedures for springtime. Administration is completing a review of Neighbourhood Entrance Feature repairs/renewals.
- Sports Development, Wellness & Culture - Last year (Feb-Dec 2020) 33,497 people registered for drop-in, programs, events or camps through our online customer portal in PerfectMind. This was approximately 47% of all registrations for our services. This did not include any swimming lessons or regular programming due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Activity & Reception Centre engagement survey was open from February 17-March 3 and 106 engagement participants completed the survey. More information will follow in a future report to Committee. Administration is continuing to work on expanding Food Truck parking on City property and have identified three new locations for the upcoming season: Lion's Park, Orange Park and South Bear Creek Dog Park. Annual inspections scheduled for April 6-8 and applications will be available shortly after. Community Group Funding applications are now available for 2022. The second Neighbourhood Association forum was held last week with presentations from Energy Management & Environmental Services as well as the Mobile Outreach Program.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW

6.1 Community Services Bylaw, Policy & Procedure Review

C. Ridgeway, Events & Entertainment Manager, and J. Boyne, Community Services Senior Executive Advisory, presented Committee with updates to Community Services alcohol management policies. Policy 210 requires housekeeping updates; Policy 211 is new and will replace outdated Policy 5335.

MOVED by Mayor J. Clayton

Committee recommend Council: 1. Approve the provisions to Policy 210, being the Revolution Place Operating Mandate; 2. Approve new Policy 211, being the Revolution Place Alcohol Management Policy; 3. Receive Procedure 211-1 for information; and 4. Repeal Policy 5335, being the Crystal Centre Alcohol Management Policy.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

7. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST

The Committee reviewed the Community Services Committee Outstanding Items List for March 16, 2021.

MOVED by W. Pilat

Committee direct Administration to add the Events Centre/Arena Business Case to the next Committee meeting.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

MOVED by W. Pilat

Committee receive the March 16, 2021 Outstanding Items List, as presented, for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

8. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 10:24 a.m.

Deputy Chair

City Clerk