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### **Recreation & Parks Report**

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the “State of Recreation and Parks” report, provided as an attachment to the June 12, 2017 agenda report entitled “Recreation & Parks Report”, be received as information.

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the highlights and progress of the Recreation Master Plan.

### **COUNCIL DIRECTION**

On February 21, 2012 Council approved the Recreation Master plan as the framework for cultivating a healthy and active community.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The 2012 Recreation Master Plan is a comprehensive plan that provides the long-range vision for recreation in St. Albert. The development of this plan included an extensive amount of research and public consultation. The plan contains priorities that align the philosophy of recreation in St. Albert with the service delivery and strategic direction of the City.

The Recreation Master Plan (RMP) priorities poise the Recreation and Parks department to continue to provide the community of St. Albert with recreation opportunities that meet the current and future recreation needs and enable us to achieve the community vision of creating quality of life for the community through recreation.

- Building - Invest in Recreation Infrastructure
- Partnering - Bolster Community Development
- Delivering - Ensure Community Health and Wellbeing
- Engaging - Celebrate and Communicate Recreation

The State of Recreation and Parks Report provides highlights around the Recreation Master Plan (RMP) priorities and initiatives, along with updates in the overall management and operation of recreation facilities, programs, events and services in the community of St. Albert. There were many

achievements in 2016 and the report highlights a portion of the work that was accomplished.

## **STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

## **IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Financial: None at this time.

Legal / Risk: None at this time.

Program or Service: None at this time.

Organizational: None at this time.

## **ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

If Council does not wish to support the recommendation, the following alternatives could be considered:

- a) Defer the Recreation and Parks Report back to Administration to amend as per direction from Council.

## **STRATEGIC CONNECTIONS**

- a) Council's Strategic Outcomes and Priorities (See Policy C-CG-02)  
Through the Community Vision, the "Pillars of Sustainability", the vision for how recreation opportunities are delivered to the community is set, linking directly to the Recreation Master Plan priorities and forming the foundation and vision for the work of Recreation and Parks. The services of Recreation and Parks link directly to all five pillars including social, economic, built environment, natural environment and culture.
  - **SOCIAL:** A diversified, robust and resilient economic foundation to support growth and community service delivery is supported through one of the key Recreation Master Plan priorities of seeking out new and innovative funding sources. A community that provides opportunities for everyone to realize their potential in a thinking, caring and connected way.
  - **BUILT ENVIRONMENT:** A growing community benefits from the investment in recreation infrastructure.
  - **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:** Parks and natural areas enhance the quality of life in a community and provide opportunities for recreation and environmental education.
  - **CULTURE:** The Recreation Master Plan embodies the outcome of creating and supporting a vibrant and involved community with a variety of recreation opportunities.
- b) Long Term Plans
  - The Recreation Master Plan address the benefits of recreation and parks facilities, programs and services and sets out a foundation for cultivating a healthy active community.

c) Corporate Objectives

- Deliver programs and services that meet or exceed our standards
- Exercise strong fiscal management
- Ensure our customers are very satisfied

d) Council Policies

N/A

e) Other Plans or Initiatives (Business Plans, Implementation Strategies, etc.)

N/A

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