

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

HYBRID - COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND MICROSOFT TEAMS

400 Main Street SE

PRESENT

Councillor T. Petrow (Chair) (Voting)
Councillor A. Jones (Voting) (by MS Teams)
Councillor C. Kolson (Voting) (via MS Teams)
G. Singh (Non-Voting)

STAFF

M. Lock, Director Community Services
M. Labait, Manager Treasury
S. Ward, Team Leader Cultural and Event Services
K. Harris, Cultural Specialist
H. Arruda, Acting Team Leader Budget and Financial Planning
J. Bayly-Atkin, Senior Legislative Officer/Committee Clerk
N. Parkinson, Legislative Officer 1
K. Rushford, Recording Technician

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

C. Blumhagen (Non-Voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Petrow called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and confirmed that quorum has been met for this meeting.

2. DIRECTOR'S BRIEF (verbal only)

M. Lock, Director of Community Services, advised that the purpose of this brief is to provide a high level overview of the projects and services that have been planned, managed and delivered through the Community Services directorate from June to August 2024.

Council has named the new Library Multi-Use Facility "Inspire", which includes the new library and new spaces for arts development, arts exhibits, artisan kiosks and a wide variety of new meeting and gathering spaces. The project is tracking on budget and is proceeding on schedule, with the target of the exterior of the building being closed in by the end of October.

The Artificial Turf project has been under construction since late April and will be completed within the next week. The official opening will take place on September 6th at 3:30 p.m. at Ed Egger Athletic Park.

The level 4 water restrictions required the aquatics portion of Genesis Place to be closed. Upon reopening, the pool has seen consistent high utilization and weekly occasions where the pool has reached capacity, requiring residents to wait until people exit for the next participants to enter.

The new offerings for this summer for the Active Living team included fresh air fitness and outdoor backyard play, which were both very successful. Our team went out into the community to provide fresh air fitness in a variety of locations. By far, the most successful was the open air yoga at Bayview Park. The other highly successful program was the outdoor backyard play. It was offered in 9 locations with over 350 participants.

Summer Day Camps are still in very high demand with over 1,060 participants and 222 people on the wait list. Thirty-seven families accessed the program through the Airdrie Fair Access program.

There have been special events every weekend in Nose Creek Park. Our department, through the permitting process, ensures there is coordination of Parks, Municipal Enforcement, and other municipal services so that event organizers know the rules for using the Park. With the growth in some events, particularly the Car Show, staff will continue to refine some of those processes to ensure public safety.

A question was asked about the impact of the water restrictions that started yesterday on the aquatic centre and the arenas. M. Lock confirmed that the direction of the City of Calgary is that our aquatics facility can remain open. What we have done to mitigate water consumption throughout the rest of our facilities is to decrease the number of floods at the arenas and to turn off the showers in the arenas, the fitness center and the field house.

M. Labait, Acting Director of Corporate Services & CFO, advised that the Q2 quarterly variance will be coming forward at this meeting. A major issue that we are looking at is the water restrictions, including ongoing monitoring throughout the summer, which happened after Q2. We are still analyzing what reduced usage and reduced purchases on the water side indicated as well as some increased purchases and trucking costs because we had to bring in water. Now that we have further restrictions, we will be reducing our irrigation and some of our internal water usage, but we will also likely be purchasing additional water to allow residents to fill up containers.

It was asked how long the water restrictions are expected to last. M. Labait confirmed that the City of Airdrie will follow whatever the City of Calgary directs. The City of Calgary will be providing weekly updates, which staff will be passing on to Council and residents.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Meeting of May 28, 2024

2024-CCS-010

Moved By Councillor Jones

That the Community and Corporate Services Standing Committee adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of May 28, 2024 as presented.

Carried

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

There are no items.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 2024 Second Quarter Cash and Investment Report (Monica Labait, Manager Treasury)

2024-CCS-011

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That the Community and Corporate Services Standing Committee accept the report entitled "2024 Second Quarter Cash and Investment Report" for information.

Carried

6. AGENDA REPORTS

- 6.1 Legacy Facilities Community Needs Assessment (Steve Ward, Team Leader Cultural and Event Services)

2024-CCS-012

Moved By Councillor Jones

That the Community and Corporate Services Standing Committee accepts the report entitled "Legacy Facilities Community Needs Assessment" for information.

Carried

- 6.2 Update Culture and Heritage 2024 (Kim Harris, Cultural Specialist)

2024-CCS-013

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That the Community and Corporate Services Standing Committee accepts the report entitled "Update Culture and Heritage 2024" for information

Carried

- 6.3 2024 Second Quarter Financial Update (Holly Arruda, Acting Team Leader Budget and Financial Planning)

2024-CCS-014

Moved By Councillor Jones

That the Community and Corporate Services Standing Committee accepts the report entitled "2024 Second Quarter Financial Update" for information.

Carried

7. ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

There are no items.

8. UPDATE OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

There are no items.

9. CLOSED SESSION

There are no items.

10. ITEMS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

There are no items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Petrow adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Committee Chair

Committee Clerk

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