

Community Living Advisory Committee Meeting

Recreation and Culture Strategy
DATE: September 12, 2019



Recreation and Culture Strategy Presentation

WHAT WE HEARD FROM COMMITTEE – AREAS OF FOCUS

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY NEEDS

How can these priorities be enhanced to support the interests and needs of the community?

What would your committee recommend to consider in the development of the Implementation Plan in this area? (e.g. regular public and stakeholder engagement, prepare site master plans, partnership opportunities, update inventories of places and programs)

Is there anything missing?

- Non traditional hours at Recreation facilities should be offered for shift workers. Underutilized spaces could be used “morning shift vs. afternoon shift”
- How do we reduce waitlists? Can we manage this differently? Listen to the community about what they need. Waitlist for non residents? Know that non-residents use our facilities – priority for residents
- Making better use of spaces for sports groups (i.e. ½ ice sheets for hockey for children)
- Strathcona County underused space
- How to find natural/wild environments within urban. Explore the notion of natural/wild environments for residents
- Lafarge Lands – how to better match growth that allows for incremental growth of recreation facilities. Understand and predict growth trends so we’re “not behind”
- Important to “build out” capacities – build facilities larger than needed at first so there is room to grow
- Collaboration – enhance without the price tag
- Remember to celebrate what we have – Strathcona County has lots (not normal)
- Continuous engagement – what does that look like and how are we implementing it throughout the 12 years?

AREA OF FOCUS: INCLUSION

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- Inclusion undeveloped? Silo of recreation. You may miss opportunities to leverage inclusion aspect in recreation
- Training outside professionals to provide the information on recreation subsidies/low-no cost opportunities
- Increase capacity of our community partners on low/no cost/subsidies for recreation
- Increase marketing to Facebook groups, Mom groups, event groups
- "All marginalized" include LGBTQ2S+ (not seen in strategy)
- Age barriers, economic barriers
- Knowledge about affordable recreation. Increase information on resources – not the usual suspects to let people know – make info readily available (i.e. bus stations, daycares)

AREA OF FOCUS: BUILDING CAPACITY

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- Re-examine how we allocate our assets
- Building capacity for healthy lifecycle
- Access is the building block – "prevention" knowledge, skills and ability
- Relationships with existing partners
- Re-examine how we use resources throughout the community (i.e. bus sharing, gymnasium use, fields/diamonds)
- Volunteers – ensure opportunities are meaningful for people
- Building relationships with organizations and Volunteer Strathcona
- Build capacity amongst Community Groups to enhance volunteer opportunities



At the conclusion of the meeting, we invited the committee to email rpc.engagement@strathcona.ca should they have any further comments or questions.