

Village of Hines Creek Council Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	May 25, 2021
Originated By:	Leanne Walmsley, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	New Business – June is Recreation and Parks Month
File:	0901

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association has been recognizing June as Recreation and Parks Month for the past 20 years. This recognition of the month of June highlights the many benefits recreation and parks brings to our communities and citizens and acknowledges the strong foundation of recreation and parks facilities and programs in Alberta.

JRPM is in its 20th year of recognizing recreation and parks in Alberta, and across the country. They continue to work towards their vision to make JRPM a household name, so that when June rolls around, every Albertan is eager and excited to spend the month enjoying all the recreation activities and parks they have at their disposal.

To celebrate JRPM and our community, ARPA is asking for our public support by signing the official June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation attached. By signing this proclamation, you're signaling to your community that quality recreation and parks resources are beneficial and should be celebrated.

In addition to the 20th Anniversary of JRPM, it is also ARPA's 70th Anniversary. ARPA is a not-for-profit organization committed to building healthier and happier communities and citizens by developing and promoting recreation and parks and members of ARPA. This past year has been a different one to support communities and citizens with the services we are proud to deliver. We would like to acknowledge the important role that recreation and parks play in each of our communities and we ask you to join in these celebrations by thanking your recreation and parks employees for the work they have done, especially over this past year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That Council declares June as Recreation and Parks month.

Initials show support- Reviewed by:	Manager:	C.A.O. <i>lw</i>
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PROCLAMATION

Municipality



JUNE IS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

Whereas, in Alberta, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors from around the world; and

Whereas, recreation and parks enhance quality of life, active living, leisure education, and lifelong learning, helps people live happier and longer, develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth, develops creativity and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles, and enhances overall mental health and wellbeing; and

Whereas, recreation and parks build family unity and social capital, strengthens volunteer and community development, enhances social interaction, creates community pride and vitality, promotes equity, inclusivity, sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity, and fosters a sense of belonging; and

Whereas, recreation and parks can be used for therapy and rehabilitation of individuals experiencing illness, impairment, and disability; and

Whereas, the benefits provided by recreation and parks programs and services reduce healthcare and social service costs, serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability, enhance property values, decrease vandalism, attract new business, increase tourism and curb employee absenteeism; and

Whereas, our parks, open spaces and trails ensure ecological sustainability, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

Whereas, all levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, that the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) does hereby proclaim that June, which witnesses the greening of Alberta and serves as a significant gateway to family activities, has been designated as June is Recreation & Parks Month, which will annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived year round from quality recreation and parks resources at the local, regional and provincial levels.

Therefore, _____ (name of municipality/organization), in recognition of the benefits and values that recreation, parks and leisure services provide, does hereby designate the month of June as June is Recreation & Parks Month.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2021 by:

_____ (print name and title)

_____ (signature)

Visit arpaonline.ca/events/JRPM/ for more information

