

## Recreation Committee Update

- The Recreation Committee has met twice since January of this year.
- The Committee consists of four Members-at-Large.
- Recreation was heavily impacted by the effects of COVID-19 in 2020, with extensive revenue losses based on facility closures, and program capacity reductions. The Department has worked closely with the office of the CPHO as restrictions have been implemented and then eased.
- Recreation staff continue to focus on adapting programs, and reopening activities safely and in a way that will have the most impact on the community. At this time, programs are not running at full capacity.
- The new, 10-year Recreation Master Plan was completed at the end of last year. The Master Plan is a guide that includes suggested activities and tools that the Department may wish to focus on in the coming decade. Along with a series of assessment tools for facilities, programs and activities, the Master Plan suggested that the Department focus resources and development in the following areas:
  - Developing and enhancing outdoor infrastructure including parks, playgrounds, trails/trailheads, and camping areas.
  - Improving opportunities for two-way communication with program participants and the public.
  - Further developing meaningful, culturally appropriate activities and programs for the community.
  - Encouraging the development and expansion of intergenerational and multi-generational programs and program spaces.
  - Looking at ways to leverage current indoor and outdoor space for new and emerging program trends (bike tracks, bicycle repair stations and/or programs, e-sports and gaming opportunities.)
  - Focusing on developing more accessible playgrounds, play areas and program spaces for residents with mobility issues.
- The Recreation Committee passed a motion to recommend to Council the adoption of the Recreation Master Plan from 2020-2030.
- The Recreation Department is seeking funding for trailhead and outdoor infrastructure development.
- Working with the Mayor, the Department is also looking to develop a community Winter Season/Christmas Holiday/ Holiday Lights and Decorations activity area that would include the business community in some way.
- The next Recreation Committee Meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup>.