

CHAMPION PARK 2024 SUMMARY AND 2025 FORECAST

Issue

The Champion Park 2024 Summary and 2025 Forecast is provided for information.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Champion Park 2024 Summary and 2025 Forecast be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

Financial Overview

Income:

2024 revenue generating opportunities resulted in \$5,650.00. These included:

- On-site photo shoot: income \$200
- On-site movie production: income \$2,000
- Hay contract: income \$1,350
- Sale of remaining tractor: income \$2,100

Fiscal Initiatives:

Fiscal initiatives implemented included a reduction in the number of annual plants purchased for the station garden and decorative planters in 2024 compared to prior years. A change to incorporating perennial plants has begun to reduce these annual costs. Seasonal summer staff hours were reduced due to the elimination of the open houses in 2024.

The Champion Park track required levelling. This maintenance of the track will enable the movement of the rolling stock – this will be required when the construction of the 338 Ave overpass starts. This levelling was completed by A&B Rail who are fully qualified to conduct this type of work. A&B Rail health and safety protocols that are in place limit those one site during this type of work. Total cost of the track leveling was \$5,591.10, including GST.

Organization of salvage pile

New plastic walled pallets were ordered to complete organization of the salvage pile. This pile was made up of track plates, railway spikes, and track hooks. Using the pallets will increase the safety and ease of moving in preparation for transport for use, sale or movement as required.

Jim Cullen, who was a longtime volunteer at Champion Park was contracted to work with Kathy Coutts, Town of Okotoks, Heritage Curator, to complete organization and identification of archival documents from the archival cabinet in the icehouse. Further

work is required to ensure appropriate transfer of remaining archival documents to appropriate storage, either on site or in another location.

The Section House “lean-to” bathroom reroofed due to severe damage noted from windstorm. On-site roofers and during the last three Knowlton annual inspections noted that the roof on the Section House required attention. Supplies were ordered to complete the reroofing as soon as weather permitted. The Section House roof replacement was completed in Q1 2025.

Regular maintenance of on-site equipment, preparation for winter use and storage took place in the fall of 2024. Planning and procurement of supplies for the locomotive batteries, Torque converter and engine air system maintenance and repairs will be completed by May 2025. This work will ensure the locomotive is in working order for the maintenance of assets and retaining ability to move rolling stock if/when required.

Until the Government of Alberta announces the construction of the 338 Avenue overpass administration will continue to operate Champion Park in 2025. This will include continuing with the maintenance and upkeep of the park in line with the original transfer agreement. Rentals opportunities will also be promoted.

Attachment(s)

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