

RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR INQUIRY OR SUGGESTION

MAYOR ROBERTSON

Mayor Robertson suggested that a large, destination style skating rink be established perhaps on the old Spoiler Field site, and asked Administration to provide details of what this initiative would entail and approximate costs for consideration in the 2019 budget.

Estimated Administrative Time to Respond



Under 4 hours (no motion required)



Over 4 hours (motion required) Estimated Hours: n/a

Motion

n/a

Response

In 2017 Council endorsed the Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Master Plan that was developed based on input gathered from nearly 1,200 households and numerous community groups in the Okotoks area and highlighted priorities for both indoor and outdoor amenities. Although outdoor leisure ice wasn't specifically identified, the theme in outdoor recreation priorities emphasized leisure activities, such as pathways and day use areas. To support these results, Council approved two projects during the 2018 budget process that create additional day use areas. One of those projects is located at the site of the former Spoiler Field. The scope of this project includes extending parking closer to the area of the former field, the placement of picnic tables and other leisure recreation activities yet to be determined. As this area is subject to flooding, activities requiring minimal infrastructure investment and are easy to rehabilitate are appropriate here. A leisure outdoor ice surface is a potential fit and may be created by grading an area to retain water without the need for hard surface improvements. Proximity to the water treatment plant could allow for the use of recovered process water. The area is currently not well lit, so that would be a factor for consideration and require consultation with stakeholders and Planning Services. Administration will further explore this as a potential use when we enter into the design stage for this project site. If required, Administration will bring forward a proposed budget amendment to the existing day use area project. The design for the day use area will be coupled with the landscape plan for the Laurie Boyd bridge replacement project. Design is to occur in 2018 with works to occur in 2019.

Attachment(s)

1. n/a