

Recreation and Culture 2020/2021 Business Plan and Budget

ISSUE

City Council approval is required in order to set the Operating and Capital Business Plan and Budget for 2020 and 2021. The figures in this report are stated as 2020 and 2021 respectively, unless otherwise noted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Recreation and Culture Business Line Operating Budget for 2020 totalling \$57,243,400 in expenditures and \$24,691,600 in revenues be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Recreation and Culture Business Line Operating Plan for 2021 totalling \$58,425,200 in expenditures and \$24,890,100 in revenues be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2020 Capital Budget totalling \$4,830,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
4. That the 2021 Capital Plan totalling \$5,215,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
5. That the rates for indoor arenas for 2021, effective October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, as included in the 2020/2021 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
6. That the golf course rates and fees for the three City of Saskatoon municipal golf courses, effective April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022, as included in the 2020/2021 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
7. That rates and fees for sport fields for 2020-2021, effective January 1, 2020, as included in the 2020/2021 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
8. That the Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park (Nutrien Playland) admission rates and group rental rates for 2020-2021, effective January 1, 2020, as included in the 2020/2021 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved; and
9. That the Special Event Application Fee for 2021, effective January 1, 2021, as included in the 2020/2021 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved.

BACKGROUND

The 2020/2021 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget (Preliminary Budget) was released on October 30, 2019.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Preliminary Budget includes a total of \$57,243,400 and \$58,425,200 in expenditures for the Recreation and Culture Business Line. Increases of \$1,042,400 (1.9%) and \$1,181,800 (2.1%) are projected, mainly due to the following:

- The largest increase in expenditures is from the Parks Maintenance and Design Service Line, which is projecting increases of \$631,800 and \$534,800. The increase in Parks is largely due to a growing service area, and additional staff and contractors in order to maintain the existing service level as 28.50 hectares and 5.74 hectares of additional park and green space are expected to open in 2020 and 2021.
- Increase of \$289,700 for Outdoor Sports Fields over 2020 and 2021, which are largely related to increase funding to the Civic Buildings and Comprehensive Maintenance Reserve in order to preserve and maintain the new facilities at the Gordie Howe Sport Complex.
- Other changes within various service lines are largely related to anticipated staff compensation costs as a result of collective agreements and other inflationary and growth-related expenditures required in order to maintain the existing service level.

This business line also includes a decrease in non-tax revenues of \$403,500 in 2020 and an increase of \$198,500 in 2021. These changes are largely related to realigning the River Landing Operating Budget to historical actuals as well as changes to Leisure Centre admissions and golf course revenues based on current trending.

The projected property tax support provided to this business line is \$32,551,800 and \$33,535,100, which is an increase of \$1,445,900 (4.6%) and \$983,300 (3.0%). The increase in property tax support is due to net impact of the increases in expenditures and revenues as previously outlined in this report.

Recreation and Culture Business Line Capital Budget

The Recreation and Culture Business Line includes \$4,830,000 and \$5,215,000 in funded capital projects, most notably:

- \$2,300,000 in investments in Community Partnerships which includes upgrades to Victoria Park, Chief Whitecap Park development, and the construction of a permanent washroom facility at the Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan site;
- \$1,610,000 to implement phases of the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Master Plan;
- \$1,880,000 in 2021 for the development of two multipurpose fields in the Silverwood Industrial Area Park, as identified in the Recreation and Parks Master Plan; and
- \$2,760,000 for park upgrades, enhancements and repairs, including asphalt, irrigation, drainage, lighting and grading repairs at various parks.

Fees and Rate Changes

The Preliminary Budget includes various changes to current rates and fees. Additional information regarding these changes are provided in Appendices 1 to 5.

IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are included in this report. There are no legal, social, or environmental implications.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the Preliminary Budget, the Administration will finalize the Approved Business Plan and Budget to be released in 2020.

APPENDICES

1. Indoor Arena Rates – 2020/2021
2. Golf Course Rates and Fees – 2020/2021
3. Sport Fields Rates – 2020/2021
4. Admission Fee and Group Rental Rates for Nutrien Playland – 2020/2021
5. Special Event Application Fee – 2021

REPORT APPROVAL

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