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## Recreation and Culture 2019 Business Plan and Budget

### Recommendation

1. That the Recreation and Culture Business Line totalling \$55,651,000 in expenditures (\$1,992,700 increase over 2018) and \$25,095,100 (\$620,800 increase over 2018) in revenues be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Capital Budget totalling \$8,663,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That an exception to Council Policy No. C03-011, Parks and Recreation Levy, to allow this levy to fund Capital Project 1578 – Silverwood Industrial Park Area be approved;
4. That the 2019 to 2021 rates and fees for the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, effective April 1 of each year, as included in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget be approved;
5. That the sport field rates and fees for 2019, effective January 1, 2019, as included in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget be approved;
6. That the 2019 and 2020 green fees for Saskatoon municipal golf courses, effective April 1 of each year, as included in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget be approved;
7. That rates for registered programs and admissions at indoor leisure centres and outdoor pools for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021, be approved;
8. That rental rates for indoor arenas for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2021, be approved; and
9. That the special event application fees for 2019 and 2020, effective January 1 of each year, as included in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget be approved.

### Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to receive City Council approval for the 2019 Recreation and Culture Business Line as presented, including both the Capital and Operating Budgets.

This report is also requesting approval of the recommended rate and fee changes for the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, sport fields, green fees for municipal golf courses, indoor leisure centres and outdoor pools, rental rates at indoor arenas and special event applications.

### Report Highlights

1. The Recreation and Culture Business Line includes \$55,651,000 in expenditures and \$25,095,100 in non-tax revenues.
2. The Recreation and Culture Business Line includes \$8,663,000 in funded capital investments, most notably \$5,000,000 for further upgrades at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex.

3. The Recreation and Culture Business Line includes various fee and rate changes, including the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, sport fields, municipal golf courses, indoor leisure centres, outdoor pools, indoor arenas and special event applications.

### **Strategic Goal**

This report supports the Strategic Goal of Asset and Financial Sustainability by being open, accountable and transparent, particularly when it comes to the resource allocation and collection decisions the City of Saskatoon (City) makes.

### **Background**

The 2019 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget (2019 Preliminary Budget) was released on October 24, 2018.

### **Report**

#### Recreation and Culture Business Line Operating Budget

The 2019 Preliminary Budget includes \$55,651,000 in expenditures for the Recreation and Culture Business Line, which is a \$1,992,700, or 3.7%, increase over 2018 mainly due to:

- \$1,622,800 for inflationary increases, most notably \$584,700 related to Parks Maintenance and Design, and \$466,900 related to Leisure Centres – Programs. The increase in Parks Maintenance and Design is largely due to increased utility rates, specifically, water used for the irrigation of park space. The increase in Leisure Centres is largely due to an increase in rental rates and number of program hours.
- \$369,900 for growth requirements, most notably \$232,700 in order to maintain 69 hectares of additional green space added in 2019, which will require additional resources for the Parks Maintenance and Design Service Line in order to maintain current service levels.

This business line includes a total of 334.25 full-time equivalents (FTE) which is an increase of 3.98 over the 2018 Approved Budget. This increase is largely due to:

- 3.06 FTE within the Parks Maintenance and Design Service Line in order to continue providing the existing service level to an additional 69 hectares of parks and green space expected to be added in 2019; and
- 0.99 FTE increase for a summer Recreation Program Leader for the playground program in the Hampton, Evergreen and Rosewood neighbourhoods.

These FTE increases are offset by a reduction of 0.42 FTE from Ride Operator positions within Nutrien Playland.

This business line also includes a total of \$25,095,100 in non-tax revenue sources, which is an increase of \$620,800 over 2018's budgeted revenue. The increases in revenue are largely due to rate increase and corresponding admission projections at Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, indoor rinks and leisure centres.

The property tax support provided to this business line is \$30,555,900, which is a \$1,371,900, or 4.7%, increase over 2018. This increase in property tax support is largely due to expenditures increasing at a faster rate than non-tax revenue sources.

### Recreation and Culture Business Line Capital Budget

The 2019 Preliminary Budget includes \$8,663,000 in funded capital investments. The most notable project is \$5,000,000 under the Outdoor Sport Fields Service Line for further upgrades at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex. This contribution will be paid to the Friends of the Bowl Foundation in \$1.25 million increments from 2019 through 2022.

Included in the Recreation and Culture Business Line Capital Budget is \$340,000 for Capital Project 1578 – Silverwood Industrial Park Area. This funding is to be utilized for the allotment gardens on the north parcel of land. The proposed funding source would be an exception to Council Policy No. C03-011, Parks and Recreation Levy, which identifies that levies collected from industrial properties may be used for multi-district parks, boulevard trees, and recreation facilities. As an allotment garden does not fit the narrow definition of the policy, approval for this exception is required.

### Recreation and Culture Rate Changes

The 2019 Preliminary Budget includes various changes to current rates and fees. More information on these changes are detailed in Attachments 1 to 6.

### **Options to the Recommendation**

City Council can choose to revise any service line and associated service levels or user fee that would impact the total operating expenditures, revenues or capital programming.

### **Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement**

The Administration developed the 2019 Preliminary Budget based on public feedback, such as the annual Civic Services Survey and other public engagement initiatives undertaken throughout the budget process.

### **Financial Implications**

The financial implications are outlined in this report.

### **Other Considerations/Implications**

There are no policy, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations, and a communication plan is not required.

### **Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion**

Upon approval of the 2019 Preliminary Budget, the Administration will develop an Approved Business Plan and Budget for presentation to City Council in early 2019.

### **Public Notice**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

### **Attachments**

1. Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Rates and Fees for 2019 to 2021
2. Sport Field Rates and Fees for 2019
3. Green Fee Rates for Municipal Golf Courses – 2019 and 2020 Seasons
4. Indoor Leisure Centres and Outdoor Pools – Proposed Rates for Registered Programs and Admissions
5. Rental Rates for Indoor Arenas – October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2021
6. Special Event Application Fee for 2019 to 2020

### **Report Approval**

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