May 1, 2019

His Worship Charlie Clark
City of Saskatoon
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
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Dear Mayor Clark:

Re: 2019 June is Recreation & Parks Month

A number of Saskatchewan communities regularly utilize park spaces to provide outstanding recreation opportunities and enhance the quality of life for their residents. Each year, June is Recreation & Parks Month (JRPM) is celebrated across Canada to further highlight the importance of parks and recreation services to community and individual wellbeing.

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) invites you to help us promote this initiative in 2019.

1. Register your community as an Ambassador of JRPM (Note: Registered communities are entered in a draw to win a piece of playground equipment from Henderson Recreation Equipment Limited)
2. Complete the enclosed Proclamation in support of June is Recreation & Parks Month
3. JRPM Grant Application Form – Available electronically only at www.spra.sk.ca/jrpm, commencing on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Enclosed are resources to further assist your community in supporting JRPM. For additional information, please visit the SPRA website at www.spra.sk.ca/jrpm, or contact Andrew Exelby, Consultant – Parks and Open Spaces, by email at aexelby@spra.sk.ca, by phone at (306) 780-9262 - or toll free at 1-800-563-2555.

We look forward to your community joining in this year’s celebration of June is Recreation & Parks Month.

Sincerely,

Todd Shafer,
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Andrew Exelby, SPRA Consultant – Parks and Open Spaces
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A Call for Celebration!

Support June is Recreation & Parks Month!
Elected officials, recreation and parks professionals and community members can all promote the vital contributions of recreation and parks services to the personal, social, environmental and economic well-being of our province.

- Make a *June is Recreation & Parks Month* proclamation at your next Town Council meeting. SPRA already has a template you can use!
- Acknowledge the important role that professionals and volunteers play within the recreation and parks delivery system.
- Encourage awareness of the benefits recreation and parks provide.
- Promote the value recreation and parks contribute to our quality of life in Saskatchewan.
- Encourage participation in recreation and park activities.

Get Outdoors and Have Some Fun!
- Biking
- Hiking
- Camping
- Swimming
- Gardening
- Golf
- Kayaking
- Family Picnics
- Walking Clubs
- Summer Festivals
- Sports Days
- Disc Golf

The recreation and leisure opportunities in your local park are endless!

Free Online Resources:
- Ideas and suggestions for getting your community involved.
- Events Calendar, Ambassador Registration Form and *June is Recreation & Parks Month* merchandise information.
- Logos and Public Service Announcements for local promotion.
- Information on the value of recreation and parks.
- These resources and more can be found at [www.spra.sk.ca/jrpm](http://www.spra.sk.ca/jrpm)
Host a June is Recreation & Parks Month Celebration Event!

Experience the Benefits of Parks and Recreation

- Promote personal development and social activity throughout your community
- Generate economic activity through social growth and community pride
- Reduce the cost of health care by promoting healthy, active lifestyles
- Grow strong families and healthy communities
- Increase community pride and engagement through recreational activities
- Attract tourists and new residents to your community
- Connect people to nature and the outdoors
- Support ecological environments by promoting the importance of parks and greenspaces
- Improve quality of living for residents through recreation and parks related events and services
- Enhance your sense of community by bringing people together
- For resources and information on June is Recreation & Parks Month, visit www.spra.sk.ca/jrpm, or call 1-800-563-2555.

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PROCLAMATION

June is Recreation & Parks Month

Whereas, in Saskatchewan, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and

Whereas, recreation enhances quality of life, active living and lifelong learning, helps people live happier and longer, develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth, develops creativity and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

Whereas, recreation participation builds family unity and social capital, strengthens volunteer and community development, enhances social interaction, creates community pride and vitality and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

Whereas, recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to enhancing the quality of life of individuals who experience living with a disability, or have become ill, or are disadvantaged; and

Whereas, the benefits provided by recreation and parks programs and services reduce healthcare and social service costs, serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability, enhance property values, attract new business, and increase tourism; and

Whereas, our parks, open space and trails ensure ecological sustainability, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

Whereas, all levels of government, the non-profit and voluntary sectors, and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, that the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) does hereby proclaim that June, which witnesses the greening of Saskatchewan and serves as a significant gateway to family activities, has been designated as June is Recreation & Parks Month, which will annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived year round from quality public and private recreation and parks resources at the local, regional and provincial levels.

Therefore, ____________________________(name of municipality/organization), in recognition of the benefits and values that recreation, parks and leisure services provide, does hereby designate the month of June as June is Recreation & Parks Month.

Signed this __________ day of ____________________ 2019 by:

_____________________________ (print name and title)

_____________________________ (signature)