

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS RECREATION, CULTURE & PARKS BOARD

Tayles Board Room – Civic Cultural Center – 5018 Waghorn Street
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Welcome to the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting – June 3, 2026
- 1.2 Call to Order
- 1.3 Approval of Agenda

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 2.1 In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Town of Blackfalds acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral lands of Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (Denay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and nonstatus peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands since time immemorial.

We recognize the inherent relationships Indigenous communities have with this land and its creatures and commit to supporting reconciliation and healing. We honour the resilience, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, past and present.

As we gather, we pledge to listen, learn, and take meaningful action toward a future based on mutual respect and understanding as we continue on our journey of truth and healing. We recognize that reconciliation is not a single act but a lifelong journey—one that requires accountability, humility, and the centering of Indigenous voices.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 Municipal Development Plan Presentation – Jolene Tejkl
- 3.2 Heart of Blackfalds Society – Indigenous Heart Garden
- 3.3 Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Agricultural Society
- 3.4 Community Initiatives Grant – Heart of Blackfalds Society
- 3.5 Community Initiatives Grant – Bookman of Blackfalds
- 3.6 Community Initiatives Grant – Optimist Club of Blackfalds
- 3.7 Community Initiatives Grant – Whimsy Studios

4. BUSINESS

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2026
- 4.2 Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Agricultural Society
- 4.3 Community Initiatives Grant – Heart of Blackfalds Society
- 4.4 Community Initiatives Grant – Bookman of Blackfalds
- 4.5 Community Initiatives Grant – Optimist Club of Blackfalds
- 4.6 Community Initiatives Grant – Whimsy Studios
- 4.7 Proposed Disc Golf Course Layout
- 4.8 Recreation Rate Review
- 4.9 Letter from Central Alberta Selects re Ice Time
- 4.10 Abbey Centre Update
- 4.11 Parks & Civic Facilities Update
- 4.12 Eagle Builders Centre & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update

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5. **CONFIDENTIAL**
None

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6. **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shane Hanson, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Jim Sands, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Mark Visscher, Lacombe County Representative
Kayla Marquis, Public at Large
Trent Kroetsch, Public at Large
Shauna Sawchuk, Public at Large
Steven Haraldson, Public at Large

OTHERS ATTENDING

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Carol Simpson, Abbey Centre General Manager
Jeff Heindel, Parks and Facilities Manager
Kurt Jensen, Sports and Events Coordinator

REGRETS

Louise Rellis, Public at Large

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Director Kreklewich welcomed all attending and called the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Member at Large Visscher moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty 6 territory.

PRESENTATIONS

Red Deer Kinsmen Club & Youth HQ

A representative from the Red Deer Kinsmen Club and Youth HQ provided a presentation on their submission Community Initiatives Grant Submission.

BUSINESS

Minutes

Member at Large Haraldson moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board approve the Minutes from February 4, 2026 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES**Community Initiatives Grant Policy Discussion**

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board discussed the draft Community Initiatives Grant Policy presented by Administration. Suggested changes included providing the RCP Board with the authority to approve or deny applications, the deadline was removed, local organizations were changed to organizations, the funding limit was added, acknowledgment of the Town on promotional materials, conflict of interest and clarity on what the funding is being used for. Suggested changes from the discussion included a clause under the criteria section relating to reinvesting proceeds within the community. Party Alcohol Liability (PAL) insurance should be listed as an ineligible expense. The old FOIP statement would need to be removed from the application form and the new statement POPA statement added.

Member at Large Kroetsch moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to consider approval of the Community Initiatives Grant Policy with the amended changes as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Initiatives Grant – Red Deer Kinsmen Club

A representative from the Red Deer Kinsmen Club and Youth HQ provided a Community Initiatives Grant application requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting costs related to supplies, entertainment, diamond fees and prizing. The Board requested that the application be revised to include what expenses would be applied to this funding.

Member at Large Marquis moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to provide grant funding of \$2,500 to the Red Deer Kinsmen Club from the Community Initiatives Grant for their event upon receiving a revised application of what expenses would be applied to this funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Use & Facility Rentals Policy Discussion

Council had directed Administration to develop a policy for rental spaces in Blackfalds. Administration developed the policy for the RCP Board to review and discuss. Suggested changes from the discussion included the policy title, include all rentable facilities (indoor and outdoor), removing safe and respectful wording and instead use lawful, and add Facility Renter Insurance Requirements and Community Standards Bylaw under Related Documents. An acknowledgment would also be added to information packages referencing this policy.

Councillor Hanson moved That the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommend to Council to consider approval of the Public Use of Rentable Facilities with the amended changes as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clarification on Council Update

Administration confirmed that Council can provide updates to the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board. Councillor Hanson discussed the Public Donation Policy and how it overlaps with the Community Initiatives Grant. Also, the BMX Track is on hold as funding has been challenging to secure as per an email received by Administration. A Notice of Motion is upcoming for the Disc Golf Course.

Abbey Centre Update

- Manager Simpson presented the monthly highlights

Parks and Facilities Update

- Manager Heindel presented the monthly highlights

EBC & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update

- Coordinator Jensen presented the monthly highlights

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board received the items as information.

Chair Kroetsch adjourned the Recreation, Culture & Parks Board Meeting at 8:19 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Trent Kroetsch, Chair

-Original Signed-

Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2026
PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: **Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Ag Society**

BACKGROUND

The Community Initiatives Grant was established to help local groups improve their programs and support their community events. This not only helps them establish themselves as a self-sufficient group and generate buy-in/memberships, but it also takes pressure off Town staff to plan programs.

DISCUSSION

Administration received a Community Initiatives Grant from the Blackfalds Ag Society to host a series of community mental health sessions/programming. The Blackfalds Ag Society is requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting costs to assist with food/beverages and rental fees for the initiative. There is \$13,000 remaining in the Community Initiatives Grant budget.

ATTACHMENTS

- Community Initiatives Grant – Blackfalds Ag Society

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES GRANT APPLICATION

**Please refer to the Community Initiatives Grant Information Package prior to filling out this application*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization/
Group Name: **Blackfalds Agriculture Society**

Contact Person: **Dena Thomas**

Phone
Number: **403-392-2057**

Mailing Address
& Postal Code: **Box 488 Blackfalds T0M0J0**

Email
Address: **blackfaldsagsociety@gmail.com**

Website
(if applicable): **blackfaldsagsociety.org**

Social Media
(if applicable): **facebook**

Brief Organization Description:

The Blackfalds and District Agricultural Society is over years old. The Society has provided many worthwhile enhancements to the Town of Blackfalds, the largest contribution being the Blackfalds Multi-Plex. Over the years the Society has helped support many special activities within the Town of Blackfalds

INITIATIVE INFORMATION

Dates/Times: **End of October/Beginning of November**

Location(s): **Blackfalds Community Center**

Please provide a brief description of the initiative?

The initiative is the "Enhancing Minds" community mental health initiative with a six-week aw
• Empowering Minds Day, featuring a leadership engagement session, youth programming, and
• A 30-day follow-up program, including weekly email support and access to the Empowering

How does the initiative fulfill a need with the community?

Mental Health is not only a concern within communities but also provincial and national issue. The initiative would help to reduce the stigma of mental health through a youth session as well as a community dinner session with facilitator Ian Hill. The last social needs assessment identified mental health as one of the concerns of all respondents of the survey.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

How does the initiative encourage community participation?

The initiative encourages community participation through a morning leadership session, afternoon youth program and closes the day off with a community dinner. There is a 6 week campaign that will take place leading up to the day which will encourage community participation. Part of the campaign also involves a "boost squad" that will also encourage community participation.

What is the cost to attend your program or event?

There is no cost to attend as we want to encourage everyone to attend by holding a free event to discuss mental health.

Is your group/organization receiving funding (donations, grants, sponsorship, other revenues) from other sources?

Yes we received the awarded grant from Alberta Agriculture Associations for the initiative. The Ag Society is responsible for the cost of the food/beverages for the community events. We will be seeking donations/sponsorship once the event date is closer.

How will the initiative provide a positive and lasting impact on the community?

Not only will an open discussion around mental health be a positive and lasting impact but the community gathering will also be a positive event. Having a separate event for youth will also be positive and impactful.

INITIATIVE BUDGET

**Please fill in the anticipated budget for your program/event or provide an attached budget*

Revenue:	Value \$	Details
Grants	N/A	AAAS Empowering Minds Grant
Donations		
Sponsorships		
Other Revenues		
Grant Amount Requested	\$2500	To assist with cost of food/beverage and space rental
Total Revenues:	\$2500	
Expenditures:		
Materials		
Artist/Instructor/Performance Fees		
Promotional Expenses		
Administrative Costs		
Insurance, Licencing		
Other Costs		
Total Expenditures:		
Deficit:		

Additional Information:

As this event is in the fall we are in the infancy stage of planning. As the grant applications are due in April the expenses are not known as planning committee has not met as of yet.

Dena Thomas

Name of Applicant (please print)


Signature of Applicant

04/07/26

Date

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Date Received:

Town of Blackfalds Staff Signature:

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2026
PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: **Community Initiatives Grant – Heart of Blackfalds Society**

BACKGROUND

The Community Initiatives Grant was established to help local groups improve their programs and support their community events. This not only helps them establish themselves as a self-sufficient group and generate buy-in/memberships, but it also takes pressure off Town staff to plan programs.

DISCUSSION

Administration received a Community Initiatives Grant from the Heart of Blackfalds Society to organize and host the Blackfalds Block Party (formerly Family Street Dance). The Heart of Blackfalds Society is requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting costs for the dunk tank rental, door prizes, candy, games and porta potties. There is \$13,000 remaining in the Community Initiatives Grant budget.

ATTACHMENTS

- Community Initiatives Grant – Heart of Blackfalds Society

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES GRANT APPLICATION

**Please refer to the Community Initiatives Grant Information Package prior to filling out this application*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization/
Group Name: **Heart of Blackfalds Society (HBS)**

Contact Person: **Sierra Fitch** Phone Number: **587.877.3563**

Mailing Address
& Postal Code: **Box 285, Blackfalds, AB, T0M 0J0**

Email
Address: **fitch.sierra@gmail.com**

Website
(if applicable): Social Media
(if applicable):

Brief Organization Description:

Our mission is to promote kindness and love through thoughtful action within the community. Through a culture of compassion and respect, we spark positive change.

INITIATIVE INFORMATION

Dates/Times: **Friday, August 28, 2026**

Location(s): **Broadway Ave between Piccolo's and Servus Credit Union**

Please provide a brief description of the initiative?

A fresh chapter is beginning for one of Blackfalds favorite event last year. The HBS is taking the lead on the former Family Street Dance and rebranding it as the Blackfalds Block Party; a high energy evening filled with music, games, food, and the always popular dunk tank. Local non-profits will be encouraged to offer food, and participating downtown businesses will receive a rented game to help bring the fun right to their doorstep. It's all about family engagement, inclusivity, and celebrating our community together.

How does the initiative fulfill a need with the community?

This initiative addresses an important community need by creating an accessible, family focused event that strengthens connection and belonging. It offers a fun, welcoming space for residents to gather while actively encouraging participation from downtown businesses...helping deepen local partnerships and community pride. By blending entertainment with meaningful community support, the event also highlights and uplifts our downtown businesses, many of which don't receive the same traffic as those along busier corridors.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

How does the initiative encourage community participation?

This initiative encourages strong community participation by offering a family friendly event that is accessible to all residents. The combination of music, games, and interactive activities creates a welcoming atmosphere that naturally draws families to take part. By engaging downtown businesses and restaurants, churches, and the youth drop in centre; the event strengthens neighbourhood pride and invites residents to support the organizations that help make Blackfalds vibrant.

In addition, the HBS has reached out to the Optimist Club of Blackfalds, Blackfalds Ag Society and Blackfalds Food Bank encouraging them to help provide entertainment, further expanding community involvement and collaboration. Together, we are hoping these elements inspire broad participation.

What is the cost to attend your program or event?

The event is free to attend, variety of food will be available from non profit organizations for minimal cost.

Is your group/organization receiving funding (donations, grants, sponsorship, other revenues) from other sources?

No

How will the initiative provide a positive and lasting impact on the community?

This initiative will create a positive and lasting impact by strengthening relationships and renewing a shared tradition within Blackfalds. For many HBS members, the event also carries sentimental value, as the event was held more than 20 years ago and reconnecting the community with its own history.

By promoting downtown businesses, the event boosts community pride to the overall vibrancy of the downtown core. While it offers immediate enjoyment for families, it also lays the foundation for ongoing engagement, collaboration, and connection; helping to build a stronger, more unified Blackfalds.

INITIATIVE BUDGET

**Please fill in the anticipated budget for your program/event or provide an attached budget*

Revenue: 2500	Value \$	Details
Grants		
Donations		
Sponsorships		
Other Revenues		
Grant Amount Requested	2500	Community Initiative Grant
Total Revenues:	2500	
Expenditures:		
Materials	1500	Dunk tank rental, door prizes, candy, games
Artist/Instructor/Performance Fees		
Promotional Expenses		
Administrative Costs		
Insurance, Licencing		
Other Costs	1000	Porta potties
Total Expenditures:	2500	
Deficit:		

Additional Information:

The games rented or purchased will be given to downtown businesses to use to encourage engagement at their location with no cost to the business. The church, downtown restaurants, youth drop in centre and local non profits will be encouraged to have food available for purchase.

Sierra Fitch

Name of Applicant (please print)

Signature of Applicant

May 10, 2026

Date

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Date Recieved:

Town of Blackfalds Staff Signature:

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2026
PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: **Community Initiatives Grant – Bookman of Blackfalds**

BACKGROUND

The Community Initiatives Grant was established to help local groups improve their programs and support their community events. This not only helps them establish themselves as a self-sufficient group and generate buy-in/memberships, but it also takes pressure off Town staff to plan programs.

DISCUSSION

Administration received a Community Initiatives Grant from the Bookman of Blackfalds to organize a family friendly outdoor event with live music and food. The Bookman of Blackfalds is requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting costs for a sound system, equipment, lighting, local bands/artists, advertising, volunteer supplies. There is \$13,000 remaining in the Communtiy Initiatives Grant budget.

ATTACHMENTS

- Community Initiatives Grant – Bookman of Blackfalds

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES GRANT APPLICATION

**Please refer to the Community Initiatives Grant Information Package prior to filling out this application*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization/
Group Name: **Bookman of Blackfalds**

Contact Person: **Peter Gomes** Phone Number: **403-307-4547**

Mailing Address
& Postal Code: **279 Cedar Square**

Email
Address: **bookmanofblackfalds25@gmail.com**

Website
(if applicable): Social Media
(if applicable):

Brief Organization Description:

Bookman of Blackfalds is a volunteer-led community organization that promotes literacy connection and inclusion in Blackfalds. Through free books, seniors gathering and community events of all ages, it brings community together.

INITIATIVE INFORMATION

Dates/Times: **Date and Time to be decided**

Location(s): **Park in Blackfalds**

Please provide a brief description of the initiative?

This is a free, family-friendly outdoor event organized by Bookman of Blackfalds that brings the community together to enjoy live music. The attendees will bring their chairs/blankets and enjoy live music bands and enjoy food such as hot dogs and burgers and feel relaxed and enjoy summer atmosphere in the heart of Blackfalds.

How does the initiative fulfill a need with the community?

The initiative fulfills a community need by creating a free, inclusive space where people of all ages can gather, connect and enjoy local talents. It strengthens community connection, support local musicians and small business and brings positive activity to public spaces. The event will bring excitement to all age group. This event further brings enjoyment and entertainment to the community

COMMUNITY IMPACT

How does the initiative encourage community participation?

By offering a free, welcoming event that's easy for everyone to attend. It invites residents to come out with family and friends, showcases local musicians involve local organization to cater hot dogs and burgers and volunteers. The event will create shared experience that brings neighbors together and build strong sense of belonging. The event also brings neighborhood communities to attend the event and enjoy the wonderful evening.

What is the cost to attend your program or event?

The event organized will have a free entry access to all the resident of Blackfalds and whoever wants to attend. The event will be advertized in the neighbouring town to bring in more and more attendees to the town.

Is your group/organization receiving funding (donations, grants, sponsorship, other revenues) from other sources?

The organization is arranging events in the town on self fundings and book sales at the pop-up markets.

For this event sponsorship letters have been drafted for local business to support the event. Letters for family and friends are also written to support the event.

A book sales is happening at the pop-up market in Blackfalds in the month of May 2026, all proceeding will be used for the event.

How will the initiative provide a positive and lasting impact on the community?

The initiative creates lasting community impact by bringing people together, supporting local talent, and building pride and connections in Blackfalds.

The event will bring life in the community and will bring more such events in future.

INITIATIVE BUDGET

**Please fill in the anticipated budget for your program/event or provide an attached budget*

Revenue:	Value \$	Details
Grants		
Donations	\$200.00	SELF DONATION
Sponsorships		
Other Revenues		
Grant Amount Requested	\$2500.00	
Total Revenues:	\$2700.00	
Expenditures:		
Materials	\$600.00	Sound System & equipment and lighting
Artist/Instructor/Performance Fees	\$800.00	Local Bands/ Solo Artists
Promotional Expenses	\$400.00	Poster, flyers and Advertising
Administrative Costs	\$400.00	Everything needed to organize and manage
Insurance, Licencing	\$300.00	Town permits and event insurance
Other Costs	\$200.00	Vounteer supplies
Total Expenditures:	\$2700.00	
Deficit:		

Additional Information:

For the event, other local organizations in town for assistance and also contact local business to put there advertisement.

Peter Gomes

Name of Applicant (please print)



Signature of Applicant

March 02, 2026

Date

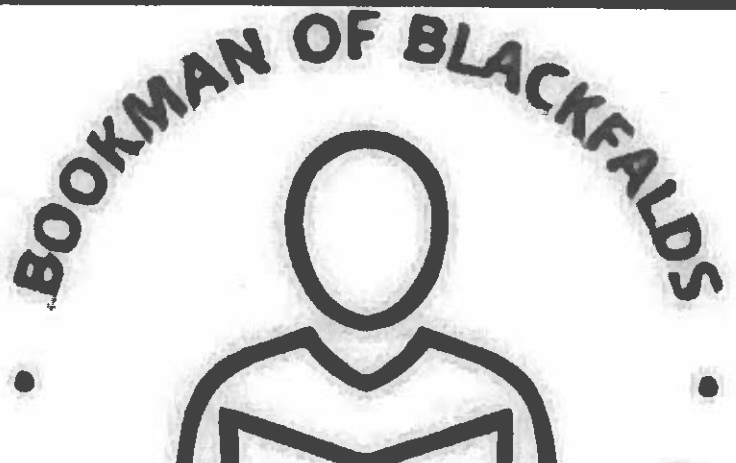
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Date Recieved:

Town of Blackfalds Staff Signature:

I was excited to hand out a cheque of \$190.00 to Chris Keim, Executive Director of Blackfalds Food Bank.

The funds were raised at the Blackfalds Pop-market at Book Sales Stall run by Bookman of Blackfalds.



Bookman of Blackfalds Peter Gomes and Aw Blackfalds for hosting such an incredible toy drive! We are so fortunate to be part of a community that truly shows up and gives so generously. The kids are beyond excited and incredibly grateful for the amazing donations received!



SUBJECT: SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY - MUSIC IN THE PARK - 2026 BLACKFALDS

Dear Blackfalds Business Owners,

On behalf of Bookman of Blackfalds, we are excited to announce our upcoming Music in the Park - Summer 2026 community event (date and time to be announced)

The one-day event outdoor eleven will bring families , seniors, youth and local residents together for an evening of live music, community connection, and positive summer celebration in Blackfalds.

We are reaching out to invite your business to become a sponsor to this meaningful community initiative.

Why Sponsor?

Your sponsorship will:

- * Showcase your business as a strong supporter to local community events
- * Provide brand visibility through even promotion and signage
- * Strengthen relationships with local families and residents.

Sponsorship support may include:

- * Financial contribution
- * In-kind donations
- * Promotional items of prizes

All sponsors will be acknowledged on promotional materials and during the event program. We would be honored to partner with you in making Music in the Park 2026 a memorable experience for the Blackfalds community

For sponsorship inquiries , please contact:

Peter Gomes

bookmanofblackfalds25@gmail.com

Cell: 403-307-4547

Thanking you

Peter Gomes

Bookman of Blackfalds

Subject: Support Music in the Park 2026 - Blackfalds

Dear Family and Friends,

I am excited to share that Bookman of Blackfalds is organizing Music in the Park - Summer 2026 (date and time to follow)

This event is all about bringing our community together through music, laughter, dance and connection. It will be a beautiful summer gathering where families can relax, enjoy live music performances, and celebrate community spirit.

I am reaching out to ask for your support - whether that means:

- * Volunteering your time
- * Helping spread the word
- * Donating toward event costs
- * Assisting with setup or coordination

Every little bit helps make this even successful and meaningful.

Thank you for your always supporting community initiatives. Together, we can make this event something truly special.

With Appreciation,

Peter Gomes
Bookman of Blackfalds
Email: bookmanofblackfalds25@gmail.com
Cell: 403-307-4547

Subject: Community Support for Music in the Park - Summer 2026 Blackfalds

Dear Blackfalds Community Members,

Bookman of Blackfalds is proud to announce Music in the Park - Summer 2026 (date and time to be announced)

This event is designed to bring our community together in a positive, family-friendly outdoor setting filled with live music and summer celebration.

We invite residents, volunteers, local groups and organizations to get involved and support this initiative. Your participation may include:

- * Volunteering
- * Sponsorship
- * Sharing event information
- * Participating as vendors or performers

Music has the power to unite us, and with your support, we can create a joyful and welcoming experience for everyone in Blackfalds

Let's work together to make Summer 2026 unforgettable.

Warm regards,

Peter Gomes

Bookman of Blackfalds

Email: bookmanofblackfalds25@gmail.com

Cell: 403-307-4547

Seniors' Pancake Breakfast a massive success

Sarah Baker

Peter Gomes, the Bookman of Blackfalds, organized a Seniors Coffee and Pancakes event in coordination with the A&W in Blackfalds on Feb. 15.

The community came together to participate in the event, and it turned out to be a tremendous success, Gomes said.

"A&W provided a welcoming atmosphere for breakfast, which brought together seniors from across Blackfalds for a morning filled with fresh coffee, delicious pancakes, and meaningful conversation."

A&W staff provided excellent service and played a key role in ensuring the event ran

smoothly, he added.

A special highlight was the attendance of Blackfalds Mayor Laura Svab.

"Her presence added a meaningful touch to the event, showing strong support for local initiatives that honour and engage the senior community," Gomes said.

"We are grateful for the overwhelming support from the community, the wonderful partnership with A&W Blackfalds, and the presence of Mayor Laura Svab. Seeing our seniors smiling, sharing stories, and enjoying their morning together made this event truly special."

Gomes is hopeful that similar community-focused events will continue in the future.



The Seniors Coffee and Pancakes event hosted by Peter Gomes in Blackfalds in coordination with the A&W was a massive success. (Photos courtesy Peter Gomes)



during December, \$2 from every burger sold

tions, including the Clive Seed Cleaning

Month in Lacombe is not just one burger,

organizations.

Event for seniors taking place in Blackfalds

Sarah Baker

A Coffee and Pancakes for Seniors event will be taking place in Blackfalds on Feb. 15. The event is being organized by Peter Gomes and will be at the Blackfalds A & W from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"I normally do different events in town but this is the first time I'm organizing an event for seniors," Gomes said.

"I do different kinds of events and things for the area and this event is a get together for seniors. I want to bring more people together to come."

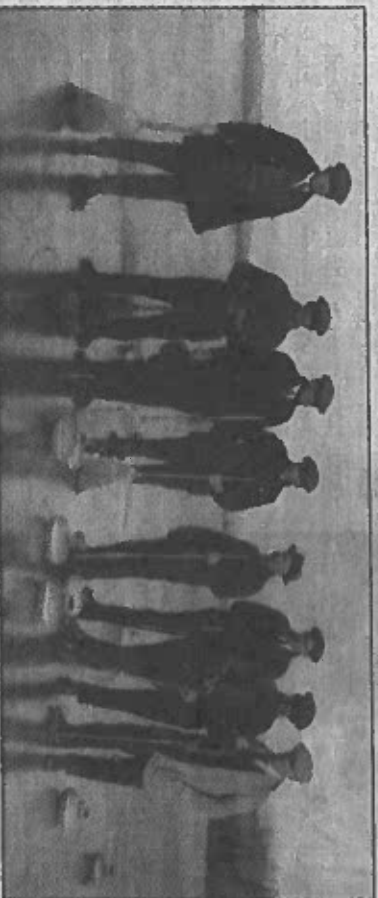
For the event people will need to sign up in advance and signing sheets are available at the Blackfalds Library, the FCSS, A & W, and the Seniors Club.

"The event is fully funded, so it is completely free to attend. It is important for people to sign up so we know how many people are coming and we can make arrangements."

For the event Blackfalds Mayor Laura Svab has been invited to attend, Gomes said. "I hope people come to enjoy the coffee and pancakes and have some good conversations during the event."

Gomes often sets up other events throughout the year as well. "I am already planning up other events for this year, especially in the summertime."

Lacombe Looks Back



1924 was a year with very little snow, so a curling rink of sorts was set up on Barnett Lake. (photo courtesy the Lacombe and District Historical Society)

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Blackfalds multi-cultural outdoor library open for business

Mark Weber

Those with a love for reading now have a brand new source of books available to them on a quiet Blackfalds street.

A grand opening for a multi-cultural outdoor library was held on Oct. 5 at 279 - Cedar Square - the home of Peter Gomes. The whole idea is to take a book, read a book and share a book, organizers say.

"I moved here two and one-half years ago from Ontario," said Gomes, who is an employee of Lacombe's Mary C. Moore Public Library.

"I wanted to set up a library in my front yard to basically just bring the community together."

Gomes connected with Syed Hassan, a Calgary resident who runs the non-profit Love with Humanity Association.

"He decided to help me out with it," said Gomes, adding he's already been able to collect a lot of donations from co-workers at the library, and some of his neighbours as well.

The books will be available at the site all year long, and they are divided up in age categories as well.

It's about giving something to the community, Gomes said, adding he's also a member of the Knights of Columbus which has a focus on charity work as well.

Meanwhile, Gomes is also pleased that he can offer the service on his own property. "People can come here, read a book, take a book, and bring a book - that's the concept. I'm hoping



for the best."

Gomes said it's also an initiative of the Love With Humanity Association, which has helped to set up about 42 similar libraries around the province. Blackfalds Mayor Jamie Hoover said that a multi-cultural library is a welcome addition to the community.

"It's welcoming to every age group. And in many cases, because of limited hours, people don't always have access to books," he said. "So an installation like this brings value."

"I look forward to how this also

changes and adapts. It has all of these resources for different ages - again, something that is very valuable to our community."

Jamie Hoover, Blackfalds mayor, cuts the celebratory cake at the opening of a multi-cultural outdoor library last weekend in town. The library is on the property of Peter Gomes (left) and was established with the help of Syed Hassan of the Calgary-based Love with Humanity Association. (Albert Woo photos)





MUSIC IN THE PARK

BLACKFALDS

Organized by Bookman of Blackfalds

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music, food & community spirit! ★

DATE & VENUE: TO BE ANNOUNCED

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2026
PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: **Community Initiatives Grant – Optimist Club of Blackfalds**

BACKGROUND

The Community Initiatives Grant was established to help local groups improve their programs and support their community events. This not only helps them establish themselves as a self-sufficient group and generate buy-in/memberships, but it also takes pressure off Town staff to plan programs.

DISCUSSION

Administration received a Community Initiatives Grant from the Optimist Club of Blackfalds to provide a DJ and live music as part of the Blackfalds Block Party event. The Optimist Club of Blackfalds is requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting those costs. There is \$13,000 remaining in the Community Initiatives Grant budget.

ATTACHMENTS

- Community Initiatives Grant – Optimist Club of Blackfalds

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES GRANT APPLICATION

**Please refer to the Community Initiatives Grant Information Package prior to filling out this application*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization/
Group Name: Optimist Club of Blackfalds

Contact Person: Edie Harris Phone Number: 403-318-5782

Mailing Address & Postal Code: 82 Ava Cres. Blackfalds, AB T4M-0M9

Email Address: optimistbf@gmail.com

Website (if applicable): Social Media (if applicable): Facebook

Brief Organization Description:
Service organization that fundraises for Youth + Youth Projects in Blackfalds.

INITIATIVE INFORMATION

Dates/Times: Aug. 28/26 5pm-8pm

Location(s): Main Street Blackfalds

Please provide a brief description of the initiative?
We will provide a DJ at one end of the street and live music at the other end of the street. The live music will be by the beer gardens.
The initiative will be performances + celebration.

How does the initiative fulfill a need with the community?
The music will encourage fun and dancing.
The initiative will encourage community participation by bringing free live + DJ music to our Town. Many families here don't have easy access to paid concerts. This initiative gives everyone in the Community - kids, families, seniors - a fun, safe outdoor space to enjoy music together.

Personal information on this form will be used strictly for obtaining the prescribed consent. This information is collected under the authority of Section 4(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act and will be protected under Part 1 of the Act. Questions regarding the collection and use of this information may be directed to the Information Governance Coordinator at access@blackfalds.ca or by phone at 403.885.6370.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

How does the initiative encourage community participation?

Community members will want to attend the event to listen to great music, dance, interact and have fun. It encourages broad community participation by being completely free & open to all ages.

What is the cost to attend your program or event?

Free

Is your group/organization receiving funding (donations, grants, sponsorship, other revenues) from other sources?

No.

How will the initiative provide a positive and lasting impact on the community?

Community members will want to attend therefore seeing all that Main Street has to offer. They will also see all the non-profit organizations, library programs, youth opportunities, sports opportunities, fire truck showing, and many businesses in Blackfalds, as well as the fun of the dunk tank.

INITIATIVE BUDGET

**Please fill in the anticipated budget for your program/event or provide an attached budget*

Revenue:	Value \$	Details
Grants	\$ 2500.00	To pay for DJ + live music
Donations		
Sponsorships		
Other Revenues		
Grant Amount Requested		
Total Revenues:	\$ 2500.00	
Expenditures:		
Materials		
Artist/Instructor/Performance Fees	\$ 2500.00	
Promotional Expenses		
Administrative Costs		
Insurance, Licencing		
Other Costs		
Total Expenditures:	\$ 2500.00	
Deficit:	0	

Additional Information:

Edie Harris

Name of Applicant (please print)



Signature of Applicant

May 25/26

Date

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Date Received:

Town of Blackfalds Staff Signature:

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2026
PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: **Community Initiatives Grant – Whimsy Studios**

BACKGROUND

The Community Initiatives Grant was established to help local groups improve their programs and support their community events. This not only helps them establish themselves as a self-sufficient group and generate buy-in/memberships, but it also takes pressure off Town staff to plan programs.

DISCUSSION

Administration received a Community Initiatives Grant from Whimsy Studios to organize a Paint & Connect pottery painting series for Blackfalds seniors and low-income families. Whimsy Studios is requesting \$2,500 towards offsetting costs for ceramics, paint, event coordination, technical process guidance and kiln firing. There is \$13,000 remaining in the Community Initiatives Grant budget.

ATTACHMENTS

- Community Initiatives Grant – Whimsy Studios

Organization/
Group Name: **Whimsy Studios**

Contact Person: **Mingrui Cheng**

Phone Number: 8257942622

Mailing Address & Postal Code: **PO Box 579, T0M 0J0**

Email Address: hello@whimsystudios.ca

Website (if applicable): <https://whimsystudios.ca>

Social Media (if applicable): <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?>

Brief Organization Description:

Whimsy Studios is a locally owned Paint-Your-Own-Pottery studio in Blackfalds. We provide an inclusive, therapeutic space for hands-on art creation, focusing on mental well-being and social connection for seniors and families facing financial barriers.

Dates/Times: (5:00pm-8:00pm) Tuesday July 7th and 14th, and Wednesday July 8th and 15th

Location(s): Whimsy Studios, 5302 Vista Trail #115, Blackfalds, AB T4M 0Y4

Please provide a brief description of the initiative?

The "Paint & Connect" initiative is a 4-session pottery painting series for Blackfalds seniors and low-income families (120 participants total; 30/session). Over two weeks, we will host dedicated evening workshops featuring custom mugs for week 1 and small bowls for week 2. We provide all bisque, glazes, technical process guidance, and professional kiln firing.

How does the initiative fulfill a need with the community?

This initiative addresses two critical community needs by reducing social isolation among seniors and providing accessible family bonding activities for low-income households. For seniors, it offers a highly social activity that combats loneliness and engages them in an activity that highlights creativity. For families, it provides a cost-free, therapeutic environment for quality time and creative expression bringing families closer together. By offering fully funded sessions, we eliminate financial barriers, ensuring equal access to activities that promote mental well-being and community cohesion.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

How does the initiative encourage community participation?

This initiative encourages participation by entirely removing financial barriers for targeted demographics (seniors and low-income families) who may otherwise face limited access to recreational activities. The structured, group-based workshop format naturally fosters dialogue and shared experiences in a welcoming environment. By focusing on hands-on creation, participants engage actively rather than passively, building confidence and strengthening their long-term connection to the Blackfalds community.

What is the cost to attend your program or event?

\$0. Attendance is completely free for all 120 participants. The requested grant funding will 100% cover the cost of all necessary materials (bisque, glazes), guided instruction, and professional kiln firing.

Is your group/organization receiving funding (donations, grants, sponsorship, other revenues) from other sources?

No. While Whimsy Studios operates as a self-sustaining local business, this specific "Paint & Connect" community initiative relies entirely on the Community Initiatives Grant. We are not receiving any other donations, grants, or sponsorships for this specific program.

How will the initiative provide a positive and lasting impact on the community?

The initiative delivers a positive, lasting impact through both tangible and intangible outcomes. Tangibly, participants take home functional, fired ceramics (mugs and bowls) that serve as daily reminders of their creative capability and the community's support. Intangibly, the workshops act as a catalyst for long-term social integration. By breaking the ice in a structured, low-stress environment, these demographics form peer networks that extend beyond the event, fostering ongoing community resilience and sustained mental well-being.

INITIATIVE BUDGET

**Please fill in the anticipated budget for your program/event or provide an attached budget*

Revenue:	Value \$	Details
Grants	0	
Donations	0	
Sponsorships	0	
Other Revenues	0	
Grant Amount Requested	2460	FCSS Grant funding to cover 100% of event costs
Total Revenues:	2460	
Expenditures:		
Materials	765	Ceramic bisque, color glazes, clear glaze, and consumables
Artist/Instructor/Performance Fees	810	Staffing, technical process guidance, and event coordination
Promotional Expenses	0	
Administrative Costs	0	
Insurance, Licencing	0	
Other Costs	885	Commercial kiln firing, electricity, and private facility usage
Total Expenditures:	2460	
Deficit:	0	

Additional Information:

At \$20.50/person, the \$2,460 budget serves 120 participants at break-even. Whimsy Studios waives all profit. Funds strictly cover direct materials, facility usage, and technical process guidance (e.g., glaze application and troubleshooting).

Mingrui Cheng

Name of Applicant (please print)

Signature of Applicant

2026-05-26

Date

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Date Received:

Town of Blackfalds Staff Signature:

Disc Golf Course Update

The proposed disc golf course was forwarded to the Optimist Club of Blackfalds for review. The McKay Ranch area was included in a previous disc golf course proposal that also incorporated Pine Crescent Park and was presented at a public open house, where some residents expressed concerns. The layout shown below has since been reconfigured from the version presented at the open house and is designed to accommodate four additional holes in a future phase of development, as illustrated in the second image. While earthwork has been completed for subsequent phases, the timeline for development of the greenspace where holes 6–9 are proposed remains undetermined.

Hole 1: 335 Feet

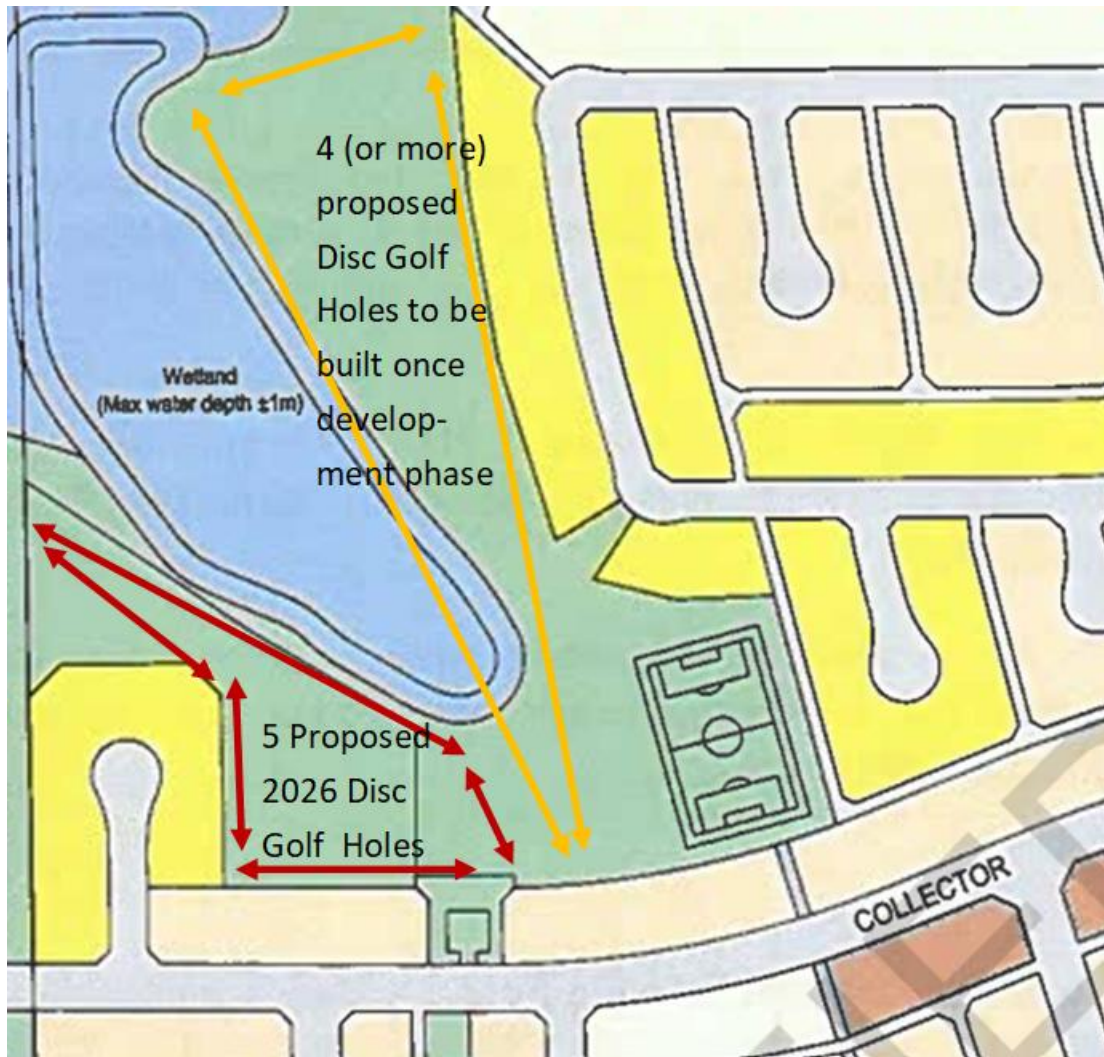
Hole 2: 333 Feet

Hole 3: 253 Feet

Hole 4: 261 Feet

Hole 5: 268 Feet





MEETING DATE: June 3, 2026
PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: **Recreation Rate Review**

BACKGROUND

The last recreation rate review took place in 2024. In that review, changes were made to the ball diamond/soccer pitch fees, an addition to the definition on local non-profit organizations and the event damage deposit. Typically changes are reviewed by the Recreation, Culture and Parks (RCP) Board and then approved by Council in the fall. Once approved, most rates then become effective January 1st of the following year with the exception of ice rates which are effective the following ice season so groups can adjust their registration fees.

DISCUSSION

Administration is in the process of reviewing recreation rates and comparing to other communities. The current rates, comparisons and proposed rates are attached for your perusal. Administration is interested in the RCP Board's thoughts as they relate to potential rate changes. The goal in this meeting is to discuss the rates and bring any adjustments to the RCP Board in September.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- Current Rates and Fees
- Sports and Events Facility Comparison
- Abbey Centre Proposed Admission and Membership Rates
- Room Rental Rates Comparison

FACILITY - COMMUNITY CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes
Main Hall				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 65.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 39.00	\$20 more than the Banquet Rm. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 1.5 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 520.00	\$ 624.00	\$ 312.00	
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 780.00	\$ 936.00	\$ 468.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 546.00	
Multipurpose Room				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	Comparable to Banquet Room amount. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 1.5 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00	
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 540.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 324.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 630.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 378.00	
Main Hall & Multipurpose Room				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 81.25	\$ 97.50	\$ 48.75	Hourly Rate, Daily Rate and Weekend Rate is 1.25 x Main Hall rates. Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 650.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 390.00	
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 585.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,137.50	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 682.50	
Meeting Room 1				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	Comparable to Program Room, Performance Room and Fitness Studio 2
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00	

FACILITY - EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes
Banquet Room				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	Comparable to Multipurpose Room amount. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 1.5 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00	
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 540.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 324.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 630.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 378.00	
Performance Room				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	Comparable to Program Room, Community Centre Meeting Room and Fitness Studio 2
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00	

Full Weekend Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00	
Ag. Room				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 26.00	\$ 31.20	\$ 15.60	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 208.00	\$ 249.60	\$ 124.80	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 416.00	\$ 499.20	\$ 249.60	
Ice Rate				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 180.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 108.00	Local = Base Rate, Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate.
Tournament Rate	\$ 153.00	n/a	n/a	
Junior Hockey Rate	\$ 153.00	n/a	n/a	0.85 x the local base rate
Non-Prime Rate (Weekdays 8 am to 2 pm)	\$ 72.00	n/a	n/a	0.4 x the local base rate
Dry Floor Arena				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 85.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 51.00	Comparable to 2/3 of Field House. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 680.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 408.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 816.00	

FACILITY - STERLING INDUSTRIES SPORTS PARK/COM. GARDEN	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes
Ball Diamonds				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00	Local = Base Rate, Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2.5 x day rate x 3 diamonds. Extended Weekend Rate = 3.5 x day rate x 3.
Daily Rental Rate per Diamond	\$ 120.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 72.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 540.00	
Extended Weekend Rate	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,512.00	\$ 756.00	
Concession Day Rate	\$ 82.50	\$ 99.00	\$ 49.50	
Concession Weekend Rate	\$ 247.50	\$ 297.00	\$ 148.50	
Campground - Tenting	\$ 10.00			
Campground - Trailer	\$ 20.00			
Soccer Pitches				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2.5 x day rate x 1.5 pitches.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 120.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 72.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 450.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 270.00	
Community Garden				
Large Garden	\$ 30.00	per garden plot		
Small Garden	\$ 15.00	per garden plot		

FACILITY - ABBEY CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes
Program Room				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	Comparable to Community Centre Meeting Room, Performance Room and Fitness Studio 2
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00	
Fitness Studio 1				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	\$5 more than Banquet Rm, \$10 more than Fitness Studio 2 & Program Rm.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00	
Fitness Studio 2				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 21.00	Comparable to Community Centre Meeting Room, Performance Room and Servus Program Room
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 280.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 168.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 560.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336.00	
1/3 Field House Gym				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 45.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 27.00	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 360.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 216.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 720.00	\$ 864.00	\$ 432.00	
2/3 Field House Gym				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 85.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 51.00	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 680.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 408.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 816.00	
Full-use Field House Gym				
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00	Day Rate is based on 1.25 x the 2/3 Field House. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Partial Weekend Rate	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 1,326.00	\$ 663.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 1,020.00	
Amphitheatre				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 21.00	\$ 25.20	\$ 12.60	Day Rate is based on 8 x the hourly rate. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 168.00	\$ 201.60	\$ 100.80	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 336.00	\$ 403.20	\$ 201.60	

ABBAY CENTRE MEMBERSHIP/ADMISSIONS		
Single Admission	Rate	Notes
Track	\$ 2.00	

Infant	FREE	Under 1
Toddler	\$ 1.00	1 and 2
Child	\$ 5.00	3 to 7
Youth	\$ 5.50	8 to 12
Teen	\$ 6.50	13 to 17
Adult	\$ 9.00	18 to 59
Senior	\$ 7.00	60+
Senior+	FREE	75+
Family	\$ 20.00	Max. of 5 family members in household (max 2 ages 18-74)
Punch Passes	Rate	Notes
	\$ 20.00	10 Admissions
	\$ 9.00	10 admissions for the price of 9 per age category.
	\$ 45.00	
	\$ 49.50	
	\$ 58.50	
	\$ 81.00	
	\$ 63.00	
	\$ 180.00	
Monthly Memberships*	Rate	Notes
	\$ 26.25	Equal to the price of 5.25 admissions per age category.
	\$ 28.88	
	\$ 34.13	
	\$ 47.25	
	\$ 36.75	
	\$ 105.00	
Annual Memberships*	Rate	Notes
	\$ 262.50	10 x the monthly membership
	\$ 288.75	
	\$ 341.25	

Adult	\$ 472.50	membership rate per age category.
Senior	\$ 367.50	
Family	\$ 1,050.00	
Child Minding	Rate	Notes
One Child (per half hour)	\$ 3.00	10 hour punch
Family (per half hour)	\$ 5.00	cards are based
One Child (10 hour punch pass)	\$ 54.00	on 9 hours of
Family (10 hour punch pass)	\$ 90.00	use.
* Note: When purchasing a monthly or annual family membership, an additional child, youth or teen can be added to the family at a discount of 50% from a regular, child, youth or teen membership of the same membership type.		

DEFINITIONS	
Local	Individuals/businesses who pay their taxes to either the Town of Blackfalds or Lacombe County.
Non-Local	Individuals/businesses who do not pay their taxes to the Town of Blackfalds or Lacombe County.
Local Non-Profit	Registered non-profit organizations based in Blackfalds or Lacombe County with a mailing address in either municipality and where a minimum of 80% of participants reside in Blackfalds or Lacombe County (not including other Towns or Cities in Lacombe County).

ADDITIONAL FEES/CHARGES		
Lost Key	cost to re-key the building	Changed the Non-alcohol Event Damage Deposit from \$100 to \$300
Lost Fob	\$25.00	
Damage Fee	\$50.00/hour plus supplies	
Clean Up Fee	\$75.00/hour	
Late Fee	\$50.00/half hour	
Non-Refundable Booking Fee	\$300.00	
Com. Centre Stage Setup Fee	\$15/stage panel (max. 6 panels)	

Sound System Fee (Arena, Community Centre)	\$50.00	\$000.
Non-alcohol Event Damage Deposit*	\$300.00	
Alcohol Event Damage Deposit	\$500 (excl. Abbey Centre)	
*Note: The Non-alcohol Event Damage Deposit applies to all facilities excluding the Abbey Centre except for 2/3 Field House Gym and Full-use Field House Gym rentals.		

Comparable Ice Rates

Municipality	Youth	Youth NP	Local	Local NP	Non Local	Non Local NP
Blackfalds	\$108.00	\$ 72.00	\$180.00	\$ 72.00	\$216.00	\$ 72.00
Proposed New Rate	\$113.00	\$ 76.00	\$189.00	\$ 76.00	\$226.00	\$ 76.00
Average	\$135.84	\$ 98.05	\$200.49	\$ 117.22	\$215.88	\$ 138.15
Sylvan Lake	\$121.93	\$ 72.68	\$203.13	\$ 121.12	\$243.80	\$ 145.34
Lacombe	\$114.96		\$175.08		\$210.94	
Ponoka	\$104.74		\$175.35			
Red Deer	\$141.30	\$176.70	\$235.50	\$ 229.70	\$306.15	\$ 265.05
RDP	\$220.00	\$110.00	\$250.00	\$ 140.00		
Rocky	\$104.00		\$193.00			
Penhold	\$180.00	\$ 99.00	\$206.00	\$ 99.00	\$206.00	\$ 99.00
Innisfail	\$ 84.00	\$ 50.40	\$140.00	\$ 84.00	\$175.00	
Stettler	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	\$180.00	\$ 75.00	\$115.00	\$ 75.00
Wetaskiwin	\$119.61	\$113.82	\$183.86	\$ 113.82	\$236.39	\$ 113.82
Cochrane	\$245.00	\$148.00	\$245.00	\$ 148.00	\$245.00	\$ 148.00
Three Hills	\$100.00	\$ 75.00	\$125.00	\$ 75.00	\$145.00	
Olds	\$117.00	\$ 72.00	\$225.00	\$ 72.00		\$ 72.00
Brooks	\$108.00	\$ 62.00	\$195.00	\$ 62.00		
Okotoks	\$187.00	\$122.00	\$275.50	\$ 187.00	\$275.50	\$ 187.00

FACILITY - EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes
Ice Rate				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 189.00	\$ 226.00	\$ 113.00	Local = Base Rate, Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate.
Tournament Rate	\$ 160.00	n/a	n/a	
Junior Hockey Rate	\$ 160.00	n/a	n/a	0.85 x the local base rate
Non-Prime Rate (Weekdays 8 am to 2 pm)	\$ 76.00	n/a	n/a	0.4 x the local base rate

Comparable Dry Floor Rates

Municipality	Youth	Local	Non Local
Blackfalds	\$ 51.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 102.00
Proposed New Rate	\$ 54.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 107.00
Average	\$ 61.11	\$ 97.11	\$ 115.12
Sylvan Lake	\$ 62.70	\$ 106.92	\$ 128.32
Lacombe	\$ 67.50	\$ 79.10	\$ 94.92
Ponoka	\$ 58.80	\$ 95.55	
Stettler	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00	
Innisfail	\$ 48.60	\$ 81.00	\$ 101.25
Wetaskiwin	\$ 71.24	\$ 71.24	\$ 71.24
Cochrane	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00
Olds	\$ 55.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 200.00

FACILITY - EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes
Dry Floor Arena				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 89.00	\$ 107.00	\$ 54.00	Comparable to 2/3 of Field House. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2 x day rate.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 712.00	\$ 856.00	\$ 432.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,424.00	\$ 1,712.00	\$ 864.00	

Comparable Ball Diamond Rates

Municipality	Youth	Local	Non Local		
Blackfalds	\$ 12.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.00		
Proposed New Rate	\$ 13.50	\$ 22.50	\$ 27.00		
Average	\$ 15.02	\$ 24.93	\$ 44.89		
Penhold	\$30 weekday game		\$120 weekend full day		
Stettler	\$8200 per season.				
Rocky	\$ 13.50	\$ 25.00		Per Hour	
Innisfail	\$ 26.40	\$ 44.00		Per Game or Practice	
	\$ 13.20	\$ 22.00		Per Hour Equivalent	
Lacombe	\$ 30.59	\$ 46.41	\$ 55.90	Per Game or Practice	
	\$ 15.30	\$ 23.21		Per Hour Equivalent	
Sylvan Lake	\$ 22.45	\$ 37.50	\$ 44.89	Per Hour	
Ponoka	\$ 21.26	\$ 33.86		Per Use	
	\$ 10.63	\$ 16.93		Per Hour Equivalent	

Stettler: Diamonds floated once/day (Monday-Friday). Tournaments handled separately based on level of service required.

FACILITY - STERLING INDUSTRIES SPORTS PARK/COM. GARDEN	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes
Ball Diamonds				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 22.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 13.50	Local = Base Rate, Non-local = 1.2 x base rate, Local Non-profit = .6 x base rate. Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2.5 x day rate x 3 diamonds. Extended Weekend Rate = 3.5 x day rate x 3.
Daily Rental Rate per Diamond	\$ 180.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 108.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 810.00	
Extended Weekend Rate	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 2,268.00	\$ 1,134.00	
Concession Day Rate	\$ 82.50	\$ 99.00	\$ 49.50	
Concession Weekend Rate	\$ 247.50	\$ 297.00	\$ 148.50	
Campground - Tenting	\$ 10.00			
Campground - Trailer	\$ 20.00			

Soccer/Football Pitch Comparables

Municipality	Youth	Local	Non Local				
Blackfalds	\$ 12.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.00				
Proposed New Rate	\$ 13.50	\$ 22.50	\$ 27.00				
Average	\$ 16.35	\$ 27.23	\$ 41.62				
Penhold	\$30 weekday game		\$120 weekend full day				
	\$ 15.00		Adjusted per hour rate				
Stettler	\$7500 for Minor Soccer for the season, \$430 per adult team and \$25 per day						
Rocky	\$ 11.25	\$ 22.50					
Lacombe	\$ 35.86	\$ 49.57	\$ 60.12	Per Game/Practice			
	\$ 17.93	\$ 24.79	\$ 30.06	Adjusted per hour rate			
Ponoka	\$ 14.18	\$ 22.58					
Sylvan Lake	\$ 26.56	\$ 44.28	\$ 53.18				
RDP				\$55 per hour			
Red Deer							
Olds							
Innisfail	\$ 26.40	\$ 44.00		Per Game/Practice			
	\$ 13.20	\$ 22.00		Adjusted per hour rate			

FACILITY - STERLING INDUSTRIES SPORTS PARK/COM. GARDEN	Local	Non-local	Local Non-Profit	Notes
Soccer Pitches				
Hourly Rental Rate	\$ 22.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 13.50	Day Rate = to 8 x hourly. Weekend Rate = 2.5 x day rate x 1.5 pitches.
Daily Rental Rate	\$ 180.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 108.00	
Full Weekend Rate	\$ 675.00	\$ 810.00	\$ 405.00	

ABBEY CENTRE MEMBERSHIP/ADMISSIONS

Added Revenue based on
2025

Single Admission	Proposed Rate	Notes		
Track	\$ 3.00		\$	2,754.00
Infant	FREE	Under 1	FREE	
Toddler	\$ 2.00	1 and 2	\$	3,599.00
Child	\$ 5.50	3 to 7	\$	4,049.50
Youth	\$ 6.00	8 to 12	\$	3,597.00
Teen	\$ 7.00	13 to 17	\$	2,168.50
Adult	\$ 9.50	18 to 59	\$	4,734.00
Senior	\$ 7.50	60+	\$	566.00
Senior+	FREE	75+	FREE	
Family	\$ 21.00	Max. of 5 family members in household	\$	4,571.00
			\$	26,039.00
Punch Passes	Rate	Notes		
Track	\$ 30.00	10 Admissions	\$	1,960.00
Toddler	\$ 18.00	10 admissions for the price of 9 per age category.		
Child	\$ 49.50			
Youth	\$ 54.00			
Teen	\$ 63.00			
Adult	\$ 85.50			
Senior	\$ 67.50			
Family	\$ 189.00		\$	54.00
Monthly Memberships	Rate	Notes		
Child	\$ 28.88	Equal to the price of 5.25 admissions per age category.		
Youth	\$ 31.50			
Teen	\$ 36.75			
Adult	\$ 49.88			
Senior	\$ 39.38			
Family	\$ 110.25			\$
Annual Memberships*	Rate	Notes		
Child	\$ 288.75	10 x the monthly membership rate per age category.		
Youth	\$ 315.00			
Teen	\$ 367.50			
Adult	\$ 498.75			
Senior	\$ 393.75			
Family	\$ 1,102.50			\$
Child Minding	Rate	Notes		
One Child (per half hour)	\$ 3.00	10 hour punch cards are based on 9 hours of use.	\$	142.75
Family (per half hour)	\$ 5.00		\$	138.00
One Child (10 hour punch)	\$ 54.00		\$	441.00
Family (10 hour punch)	\$ 90.00		\$	369.00
*Note: When purchasing a monthly or annual family membership, an			\$	1,090.75

additional child, youth or teen can be added to the family at a discount of 50% from a regular, child, youth or teen membership of the same membership type.

Facility Rental Rate Review			May 15, 2026
Abbey Centre Daily 7am-10pm Partial Weekend Friday 6-10pm, Saturday 7am-10pm Full Weekend Friday 12-10pm, Saturday 7am-10pm and Sunday 7am-6pm			
	Local	Non-Local	Local Non-Profit
Program Room	\$35/hr \$280/day \$560/full weekend	\$42/hr \$336/day \$672/full weekend	\$21/hr \$168/day \$336/full weekend
Fitness Studio 1	\$45/hr \$360/day	\$54/hr \$432/day	\$27/hr \$216/day
Fitness Studio 2	\$35/hr \$280/day \$560/full weekend	\$42/hr \$336/day \$672/full weekend	\$21/hr \$168/day \$336/full weekend
1/3 Field House	\$45/hr \$360/day \$560/full weekend	\$54/hr \$432/day \$560/full weekend	\$27/hr \$216/day \$560/full weekend
2/3 Field House	\$85/hr \$680/day \$1,360/full weekend	\$102/hr \$816/day \$1,632/full weekend	\$51/hr \$408/day \$816/full weekend
Full Field House	\$850/day \$1,105/partial weekend \$1,700/full weekend	\$1,020/day \$1,326/partial weekend \$2,040/full weekend	\$510/day \$663/partial weekend \$1,020/full weekend
Amphitheatre	\$21/hr \$168/day \$336/full weekend	\$25.20/hr \$201.60/day \$403.20/full weekend	\$12.60/hr \$100.80/day \$201.60/full weekend
RED DEER			
	Small Up to 20 ppl	Medium 20-40 ppl	Large 40-80ppl
Meeting Rooms	\$42.10/hr	\$63.15/hr	\$84.20/hr

RED DEER - COLLICUTT			
	Local Youth	Local Adult	Non-Resident
Field House Per court	\$34/hr	\$56.70/hr	\$73.70/hr

RED DEER - DAWE			
	Local Youth	Local Adult	Non-Resident
Gymnasium per court	\$26.50/hr	\$44.25/hr	\$57.50/hr

LACOMBE MEMORIAL CENTRE

Lacombe County Room South	- 48 Banquet Seating 60 - Row Seating or 6 Round Tables, Podium, Microphone & Projector Buffet tables in the hallway	Partial Day \$186.69 8 am - 5 pm OR 5:30 pm - 1 am	Partial Day \$158.21 8 am - 5 pm OR 5:30 pm - 1 am
		Full Day \$277.39 8 am - 1 am (17 hours)	Partial Day \$238.37 8 am - 1 am (17 hours)
		Hourly (min. 2 hours) \$52.74/hr	Hourly (min. 2 hours) \$41.13/hr
		Promo (min. 2 hours) \$30.59/hr Monday - Thursday starting at 5 pm	Promo (min. 2 hours) \$25.31/hr Monday - Thursday starting at 5 pm

NEXSOURCE - SYLVAN LAKE						
	Local Youth Hourly	Local Youth daily (8 hrs)	Local Hourly	Local Daily (8hrs)	Nonlocal Hourly	Nonlocal Daily (8 hrs)

Strategis Group multipurpose room 1	- 1,064 square feet - Accommodates up to 80 people banquet style, or 92 people lecture style.	\$45.61/hr one room	\$310.69 one room	\$76.01/hr one room	\$511.32 one room	\$91.20/hr one room	\$613.76 one room
Strategis Group multipurpose room 2	- 1,148 square feet - Accommodates up to 80 people banquet style, or 92 people lecture style.	\$25.59/hr Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$153.36 Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$43.06/hr Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$255.77 Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$51.69/hr Two or three rooms (add for each)	\$306.94 Two or three rooms (add for each)
Strategis Group multipurpose room 3	- 1,940 square feet - Accommodates up to 96 people banquet style, or 135 people lecture style.						

SYLVAN LAKE WELLNESS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTRE				
		Local Youth	Local	Non- Local
Gymnasium	Day Rate (8 hrs)	\$208.67	\$347.78	417.33
	Hourly Rate	\$31.35/hr	\$52.19/hr	\$62.58/hr
SYLVAN LAKE - MULTI CAMPUS				
	Local Youth	Local	Non-Local	
1 st Gymnasium Per Hour	\$29.26/hr	\$50.65/hr	\$61.90/hr	
2 nd or 3 rd Gymnasium Per Hour	\$14.60/hr	\$25.88/hr	\$29.26/hr	
1 st Gymnasium Per Day	\$354.54	\$590.89	\$709.07	
2 nd or 3 rd Gymnasium Per Day	\$177.83	\$296.01	\$354.54	
INNISFAIL				
		Adult	Youth	Non-Resident
École Innisfail Middle School	Gym #4	\$69/hr	\$41.41/hr	\$86.25/hr
Innisfail Jr./Sr. High School	Gathering Area	\$33/hr	\$19.80/hr	\$41.25/hr
	Gym #1	\$32/hr	\$19.20/hr	\$10/hr
	Gym #2	\$54/hr	\$32.40/hr	\$67.50/hr
	Gym #3	\$84/hr	\$50.40/hr	\$105/hr
PENHOLD REGIONAL MULTIPLEX				
Club Room	\$39/hr			
Lounge	\$39/hr			
Meeting Room 2	\$29/hr			
Gymnasium	\$59/hr YOUTH	\$69/hr Adult		
OLDS - JEANS PLACE				
Jean’s Place is an ideal space for a children’s program, workshops or board meetings. This space holds up to 40 people, making it a popular choice for parties or family gatherings.	Local \$30/hr	Non-Local 30/hr		Local Non-Profit FREE

OLDS - RALPH KLIEN CENTRE				
	Mon-Thur	Additional /hr	Fri-Sun	Additional /hr
OHS Commons	\$400	\$50/hr	\$400	\$50/hr
Multipurpose Rooms each	\$350	\$50/hr	\$350	\$50/hr
Gymnasium Court each	\$500 per court for a 8 hour block	\$50/hr	\$500 per court for a 8 hour block	\$50/hr
Classrooms/Boardrooms	\$350	\$50/hr	\$350	\$50/hr
Genesis Place - Airdrie				
	Prime Time	Non-Prime Time	Youth Prime Time	
Gymnasium - Full	\$121/hr	\$99.75/hr	\$108.75/hr	
Gymnasium - Half	\$60.50/hr	\$49.88/hr		
Field House - Full (1/2)	\$197.50/hr	\$151.25/hr	\$179.50/hr	
Field Houe - Partial	\$65.83/hr	\$50.42/hr		
Dance Studio	\$45.75 - anytime			
Studio Rentals	\$45.75 - anytime			
Servus Place - St. Albert				
Party Room	\$53/hr			
Gym Court	\$80/hr			
Field House	\$137/hr			
Booster Juice Recreation Centre - Edmonton				
Meeting Room 1	363 square feet	20-person capacity	\$56/hr	
Meeting Rom 2	304 square feet	20-person capacity	\$56/hr	
Meeting Room 3	387 square feet	20-person capacity	\$56/hr	
Meeting Room 4	1150 square feet	50-person capacity	\$74/hr	
Meeting Room 5	768 square feet	35-person capacity	\$74/hr	
Meeting Room 6	2800 square feet	120-person capacity	\$91/hr	
Training Studio	880 square feet	14-16-person capacity	\$67.50/hr	

Gymnasium	Adult \$103.70/hr	Minor \$51.85/hr	
Westside Recreation Centre - Calgary			
Gymnasium - Full	\$125/hr		
Gymnasium - Half	\$85/hr		
Panorama Hills - Calgary			
Program Centre	100-person capacity	\$65/hr	
Okotoks Recreation Centre			
Gymnasium - Youth/senior local non-profit weekday/last minute WEEKDAY		\$32/hr	
Gymnasium - Youth/senior local non-profit WEEKEND/Statutory Holiday		\$65.75/hr	
Gymnasium - Adult local non-profit WEEKDAY		\$45.75/hr	
Gymnasium - Adult local non-profit WEEKEND/Statutory Holiday		\$76/hr	
Meeting Rooms- Small local/non-profit/last minute		\$19.25/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Small local social		\$31.75/hr	
Meeting Rooms- Small non-local/commercial/for-profit		\$48.25/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Medium local/non-profit/last minute		\$25.50/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Medium local social		\$39.75/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Medium non-local/commercial/for-profit		\$56/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Large local/non-profit/last minute		\$38.25/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Large local social		\$59.75/hr	
Meeting Rooms - Large non-local/commercial/for-profit		\$84.25/hr	

To Blackfalds Recreation Board, Town of Blackfalds Recreation Services, and Blackfalds Minor Hockey Ice Scheduler

From Alison Stangeland, Ice Scheduler Central Alberta Selects

Date May 14, 2026

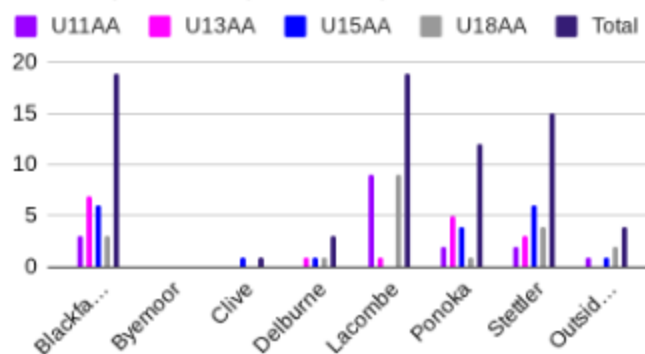
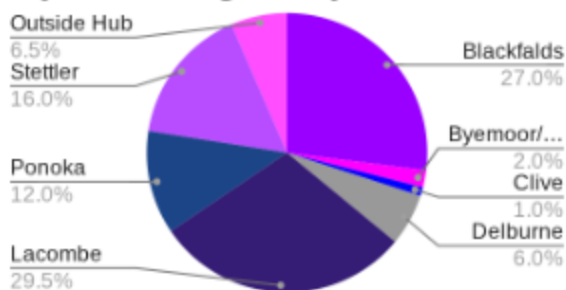
Subject: Request for practice ice

On behalf of the Central Alberta Selects AA I am writing to respectfully request weekday practice ice in Blackfalds for the Central Alberta Selects (CAS) AA Hockey program.

During the 2025/26 season, our program had 175 players attend tryouts. From this group, we rostered 72 athletes across four teams: U11AA, U13AA, U15AA, and U18AA.

Blackfalds continues to be strongly represented within our program. This past season, 19 of our rostered players were residents of Blackfalds. Over the past three years, we have averaged 18 players annually from the community, representing approximately 27% of our total roster. In addition, we have several players who reside within Lacombe County.

3 year Average % by Association



We operate under Hockey Alberta Elite Hockey League. Lacombe is the designated association for our area's AA team supporting players from Stettler, Lacombe, Blackfalds, Delburne, Ponoka, Big Valley, and Clive. Any player from these associations that want to play at the U11, U13, U15 or U18 AA level register for tryouts under Central Alberta Selects in Lacombe.

Although our administrative base is in Lacombe, our program is regional in nature. Under Hockey Alberta regulations, we are required to select players based on merit, regardless of their home association, further reinforcing our role as a hub serving multiple communities.

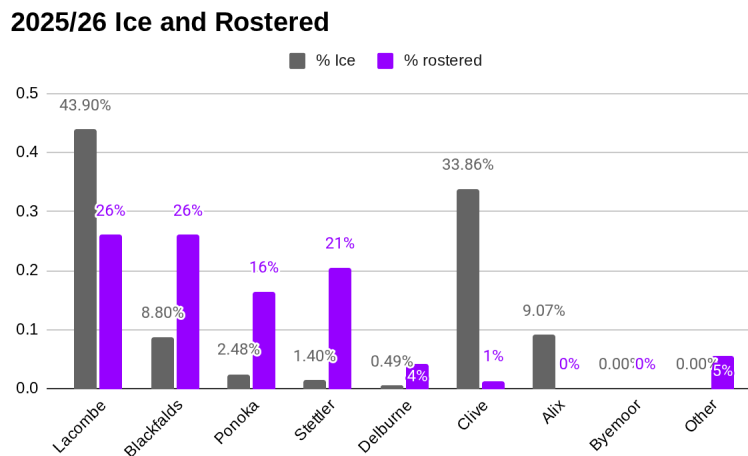
Our practice ice is currently mostly out of Clive Arena. We have 10 hours of practice ice for CAS every week.

- 6 hours in Clive

- 2 hours in Lacombe
- 2 hours in Alix

Our game ice is spread out to all the hub communities Lacombe, Blackfalds, Clive, Ponoka, Stettler and Delburne.

Overall the location of ice (game & practice) vs the number of players rostered in each community last season looked like this.



Request

We are requesting regular practice ice in Blackfalds. We would be looking at age appropriate times Monday to Thursday evenings starting between 5:30-8:15pm.

Providing practice opportunities in Blackfalds would better reflect player residency, reduce travel demands on families, and strengthen the connection between our program and the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

Alison Stangeland

Ice Scheduler, Central Alberta Selects, Central Alberta Warriors and Lacombe Minor Hockey

Cc: Selects Governor, LMHA President, BMHA President, SMHA President, PMHA President

Reporting Period: March–May 2026

Programs & Services

- Spring programming remained active, including C'Amped day camps, registered and drop in fitness classes which are now concluded for the season.
- Aquatic programming including swim lessons and private lessons have now started but unfortunately due to low enrollment, many of our "How to Become a Lifeguard" classes have had to be cancelled.
- AquaSize classes launched successfully with strong morning attendance.
- Camp Curious 2026 is fully staffed with returning leaders joining us the end of June. Registration opened May 1. Staff have planted our raised garden boxes which are tended to by Camp Curious campers.
- Community initiatives included Thrifty Thursday, Community Gardens administrative support, planning and Expression of Interest for the 2027 Abbey Centre Community Showcase as well as Summer Pass sales.
- Hosted Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel (AARFP) Custodial Care course on Apr 24 of which had registrants from across Alberta and three Abbey staff attending.
- Abbey staff member facilitated a Red Cross Intermediate First Aid recertification class for town staff
- Planning and support for upcoming Blackfalds Days activities and during Youth Week in May (free youth/teen admissions)

Staffing & Training

- Aquatic Programmer, 7 Shift Supervisors and 26 lifeguard instructors were interviewed, onboarded and had extensive training starting April 28.
- One long-term staff member is currently on medical leave.
- Permanent staff took part in Managing Multiple & Changing Priorities training and GM and Guest Services Team Lead attended leadership training provided by Senior Administration
- Completion of individually needed training and certifications.

Facility Operations

- Successfully hosted multiple large events including:
 - Central Alberta Rowing (13th year)
 - Umpire Clinic
 - Little of This Market (~2,500–3,000 attendees)

- Badminton Alberta tournament
- Responded effectively to an onsite medical incident, with staff demonstrating strong emergency response.
- Experience a substantive leak in our Sprinkler Tree system which necessitated the water being shut off to the whole facility to allow repairs.

Aquatics & Outdoor Aquatic Centre

- Outdoor Aquatic Centre opened May 15, with initial mechanical challenges in the leisure pool which are now resolved.
- Spring weather delays significantly impacted startup timelines but were managed effectively.

Projects & Maintenance

- Key completed or ongoing projects include:
 - Security grate replacement at Guest Services
 - Mag lock system installation
 - Hot tub circulation pump refurbishment and electrical heat exchanger decommissioned
 - Chemical room exhaust system upgrade (fan and ductwork)
 - New dishwasher and auto-scrubber replacements
 - EXIT signage upgrade to code-compliant systems
 - New cartridge filters for the spray park
 - Restoration of the front foyer bench with Grey is Green composite material
 - New facility wide two way radios for all teams
 - Hot tub repairs (ran 50% capacity last season)
 - Junior Olympic tarp replacement
 - Sound system replacement (ongoing)
 - Additional self retracting line (SRL) purchased and installed on Kee track
 - Automatic door install in Universal changeroom (project ongoing)
 - Site visit with potential contractor for glulam beam repair (2027 budget)
 - Deep clean and maintenance of Indoor Play Space

Health & Safety

- Abbey Centre Health & Safety Committee:
 - Conducted monthly inspections and meetings
 - Completed full emergency procedure review

- Delivered facility-wide emergency training sessions
- Completed a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) review and update
- Annual inspections completed for fire suppression system and cross connection repair/certifying
- Continued collaboration with OHS Advisor on training compliance.
- Abbey staff member sitting on Safety Day planning committee and another on the Safety Platform Selection Committee.

Administration & Planning

- Implementation and troubleshooting of the new Abbey Centre website completed.
- Added enhanced parking information and communication tools to support large events.
- Progress on OneDrive file transition (~95% complete).
- Update of Municipal Service Inventory for Senior Leadership
- Draft Food & Beverage Services agreement under review ahead of May 31, 2026 expiry and met a couple of times with contract provider
- Ongoing planning for user fees and rental rate review
- New potential payment service provider meet and greet along with Finance and IT. We have since learned it is not compatible with Perfect Mind so the Abbey will be staying with our current provider.
- GM took part in the Asset Management Advisory Team meeting to discuss the draft Asset Management policy

Partnerships & Funding

- Successful external funding and partnerships secured:
 - Central Alberta Co-op sponsorship (summer campaign support)
 - Blackfalds Ag Society funding Camp Curious field trip (~\$1,500 value)
- Continued collaboration with community partners and Primary Care Alberta.

Parks & Facilities Update

June 2026

Parks

- Filled the vacant Parks Operator 1 position. Ryan started on Monday, April 20.
- Outdoor skating surfaces were closed around the middle of March.
- Playground inspections conducted through March and April.
- Two Parks team staff attended the biennial Parks Forum held in Edmonton, March 18-20.
- Seasonal labours (10 staff) started on May 4.
- Posted Parks Labourer, 2-month term position.
 - This 2-month term position is to provide an opportunity for grade 12 students that are graduating in June 2026 and can not be a part of our spring summer labourer hiring.
- Blackfalds AG Society purchased a shed for the Willow Community Gardens.
- All garden plots are sold for the 2026 season.

Facilities

- Custodial team meeting, April 19.
- Annual fire safety inspections are taking place in all facilities over April and May.
- One Custodian and three Sport Facility staff attended the annual Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel Conference in Grande Prairie from April 12 – 15.
- Three Facilities Custodial staff attended a Custodial Care course that was hosted at the Abbey Centre on April 24.
- Posted Facility Operator 1 – Building Maintenance position.
- Awarded the Community Centre Main Entrance and Vestibule Doors project.

Capital Projects

- 4-seater UTV (Crew unit) received.
- Vista/Westbrooke trail connector asphalt trail project started April 29.
- JLG 60' aerial lift received.

Eagle Builders Centre & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update

June 3, 2026

Events

- Easter Egg-stravaganza had a record turnout with more than 240 participants, doubling last year's event
- Final preparations for Blackfalds Days are underway. The 2026 event includes several notable updates: a Seniors Club open house on Thursday afternoon, fireworks moved to Friday night, a free 18+ cabaret on Saturday evening, and two new events hosted by Save-On-Foods—a car show and an RC car race
- The Sport Tourism Congress proved very successful, with meetings conducted with eight National Sport Organizations. Several exciting opportunities came forward, including discussions with Hockey Canada representatives about hosting a World Junior Hockey Championship pre-tournament game at the Eagle Builders Centre this December. The Town submitted its bid in late April. Softball Canada expressed strong interest in bringing future Nationals back to Blackfalds, highlighting both our facilities and the success of the 2024 Ladies Fast Pitch Nationals. Dodgeball Canada is also interested in hosting a provincial or regional event at the Abbey Centre, which they identified as an ideal venue for tournaments of that size. Ball Hockey Canada are looking to host provincials in 2027 and Western Canadians in 2028 at the EBC.

Facilities

- EBC ice plant replacement started the first week of May, if everything goes well then ice times in the fall shouldn't be affected
- Arena 1 hosted its final ice booking of the season on Sunday, May 3. The ice was fully removed by the morning of Wednesday, May 6, allowing setup to begin for the 330-person Volunteer Gala on Thursday, May 7. On Saturday, May 9, Shadowbox of Lacombe presented a catered 10-bout boxing event that attracted more than 250 attendees. That same week also marked the start of minor ball and soccer, as well as the slo-pitch league season
- High school football field hosted IRSC Bison's first ever spring camp
- Blackfalds Lacrosse Association hosted its first ever U7 & U9 games in Arena 1 as part of their lacrosse festival May 23-24
- Red Deer Champion Taekwondo hosted a tournament and camp over the May 29-31 weekend
- Diamond 5 design and drawings have been finalized, construction to begin in July
- Protective netting is up around jumbotron in Arena 1

Eagle Builders Centre & Sterling Industries Sports Park Update

June 3, 2026

Staff

- New Summer Events Assistant started May 26 – this position is shared between Sports & Events and Economic Development
- Sean Barnes, Sports & Events Manager retired May 29
- New Sports and Events Manager Derek Starnes has been hired and will start June 22