

2022

COMMUNITY SERVICES OPERATIONAL PLAN



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1. PARKS AND RECREATION

Strategy	Action
Strategy 1.1 Increase usage of our parks, campgrounds and recreation facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase public awareness of our parks through promotions, marketing, social media and events.• Review our rates and assess how they can be more flexible.• Promote on-line reservation system opening on March 1, 2022.• Conduct public engagement survey for campground needs.
Strategy 1.2 Maintain and upgrade parks and recreation facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain and improve boat launches. Consider construction and installation of one boat launch each year as the budget allows.• Continue to upgrade and maintain playground structures at all sites.• Continue to upgrade and maintain equipment in the parks.• Upgrade playground at Westcove Campground and repurpose tennis court.• Power upgrade at Floating Stone for sites 47 to 51.• Purchase 4 new electric golf carts for Stoney Lake and Lac Bellevue Parks. 30% funding by grants is in place for 2 golf carts.• Establish a policy regarding requests from communities for recreation amenities outside County parks.
Strategy 1.3 Review Parks and Recreation governance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to conduct playground and campground inspections.• Continue to train staff.• Complete an Emergency Response and Safety exercise.• Work with local RCMP Detachment to provide a police presence at the campgrounds during the summer open season.

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2. WASTE MANAGEMENT

Strategy	Action
Strategy 2.1 Increase recyclable segregation options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow for cardboard recycling at Transfer Stations and unmanned bin sites.• Continue to explore other options for recycling.• Explore equipment options for handling/hauling recyclables.
Strategy 2.2 Public awareness about waste management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider a customer satisfaction survey.• Continue to include work on Waste Management webpage with Communications Coordinator.• Continue to provide information about waste management on County social media, the website, and other communication such as the 'Trash Talk' publication.• Improve signage at sites.• Continue with Spring Clean-up program during May to remove Freon from fridges, freezers and water coolers.
Strategy 2.3 Streamline waste collection and operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Transfer Station operating days and hours to ensure they accommodate public needs.• Annual capital contribution for waste management vehicles to be set up in reserves.• Explore options with the Town of Elk Point for Elk Point Transfer Station/ Landfill.• Purchase additional bins.• Complete reclamation of inert waste Cell 2 at Ashmont Transfer Station.• Review rates for bin rentals and solid waste disposal fees.

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3. AGRICULTURE SERVICES

Strategy	Action
Strategy 3.1 Build public awareness about Agricultural Services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communicate effectively about Agricultural Service Board (ASB) programs and services.• Discuss ASB Board structure/ membership.• Produce bi-annual ASB newsletter for public.• Communicate Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) initiatives and newsletter.• Educate public on noxious and prohibited weeds.• Continue with clubroot education, surveying and notifications.
Strategy 3.2 Maintain and improve programs for Agricultural Service Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to improve ASB program planning.• Continue with Beaver Reduction Program.• Continue to work with the County Bylaw Officer to assist with the dog control bylaw.
Strategy 3.3 Maintain equipment and facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain capital assets.• Replace Roadside Mower M-01.• Replace Wetblade for M-01.• Replace Subdivision Mower M-08.• Replace LB-30 24' trailer with a 20' hydraulic tilt trailer truck.

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4. FIRE SERVICES

Strategy	Action
Strategy 4.1 Maintain equipment and facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review equipment/ supply needs for Ashmont, Mallaig, Elk Point, and St. Paul Fire Departments.• Standardize the inspections of the firehalls.• Continue annual capital contribution for fire equipment to be set up in reserve.• Purchase of new pumper rescue truck for Ashmont Fire Department.• Implement recommendations from radio study.
Strategy 4.2 Attract and retain volunteer fire fighters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to hold semi-annual Fire Chiefs meetings.• Hold appreciation/recruiting event at each Firehall in conjunction with FCSS movie night.
Strategy 4.3 Share common strategies for policies, procedures and operations between departments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share policies and procedures.• Review Fire Permit/ Fire Bylaw.• Complete annual Building and Safety Inspection at each fire halls.• Standardize training and reporting.• Investigate online fire permit applications.
Strategy 4.4 Engage residents in fire safety programming.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage and educate residents on Fire Smart program, Fire Prevention Week, and Fire Smart Home Assessment program.• Provide information to the public on response call fees, responsibilities within the bylaw, and burning guidelines.• Promote Fire Departments. Host events in conjunction with FCSS at each Firehall.

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Strategy 4.5 Maintain and consider new opportunities for regional collaboration with our neighbors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and update Mutual Aid Agreements and Fire Protection Services Agreements with rural and urban neighbors.• Explore agreement with Goodfish Lake.