



**CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT
ESLER RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
CRD Committee Meeting Room**

MINUTES

May 14, 2019, 5:00 pm

Attending:

Darron Campbell (CRD staff), Kathleen MacDonald (CRD staff), Angie Delainey (Area E Director), Linda Barbondy (WL Slo-Pitch), Brian Hansen (WL Soccer), Bruce Newbery (Esler Community Association), Judy Newbery (Esler Community Association), and Pierre Mayette (Esler Community Association).

Absent: Nick Surette (WL Minor Fastball)

Minutes

5:05 pm

Items discussed and agreed to by consensus.

1. Introductions and Registration Updates

The groups reported the following registration numbers for 2019:

- Slo-Pitch: 750 adults
- Soccer: more than 1,000 adults and youth

2. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting were accepted.

3. Reports on 2018 Capital Projects and Planned 2019 Capital Projects:

Soccer and Slo-Pitch provided updates on their 2018 capital projects:

- Slo-Pitch: construction of backstops complete
- Soccer: construction of bleachers not complete

2019 planned capital projects:

- Slo-Pitch: infields improvement and signage updates.
- Soccer: top dressing application to fields, and stair replacement and improved water system for the clubhouse.

CRD staff advised that \$7,500 each for capital projects for Slo-Pitch and Soccer has been allocated in the Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services (CCRLS) budget and business plan for 2019.

Res A

“That the proposed 2019 capital projects for Williams Lake Slo-Pitch League and Williams Lake Soccer Associations be approved, including: the Slo-Pitch League improvement of infields and updates to signage, and the Williams Lake Soccer Associations top dressing application to fields, and replacement of stair and improved water system for the clubhouse. And further that \$7,500 each to the two groups for the approved capital projects be approved as allocated in the Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services (CCRLS) budget and business plan for 2019.”

By Consensus

4. 2019 Business Plan Goals: New Esler Access Road

CRD staff informed the groups that the 2019 business plan includes a goal to construct a new access road into the Esler Sports Complex. CRD staff have submitted grant applications to support the construction costs. If approved, construction is most likely to take place in 2020. All necessary permit applications have been submitted.

Action item: CRD staff will call a meeting once grant funding for the construction is approved.

5. Well Licenses Update:

Public buildings and facilities now require ground water licenses. The licenses for the Esler wells should be released soon, with limits up to the maximums prescribed in the Western Water Associates Hydrology Report (2013). Consistently measuring and recording well water use at Esler was useful while applying for the licenses and continued data collection will be important for the provincial permitting process.

6. 2018 Water Report Review:

The overall annual water use at the complex can be a maximum of 2.5 million USG. The annual allocations and actual reported use in 2018 for each user group are as follows:

- Soccer: allocation: 2,000,000 US Gallons – use: 1,962,110 USG
- Minor Fastball: allocation 150,000 US Gallons – use: 22,600 USG
- Slo-Pitch: allocation 350,000 US Gallons – use: 51,740 USG

Groups will continue to report water use and static well levels every two weeks throughout the irrigation season and static well levels monthly in the winter. Current water allocations should remain fine while field improvements will aid in water retention.

Res B

“That \$10,000 be allocated from the community projects envelope of the Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services budget for a shared top dressing project to allow eco-friendlier water use through improvement of the fields’ water retention.”

By Consensus

7. ERAC Appointments:

Linda Barbondy will remain the appointment for the Slo-Pitch; Brian Hansen will remain the appointment for Soccer; Nick Surette will remain the appointment for Minor Fastball, and Bruce Newberry and Pierre Mayette will be the community association representatives.

Res C

“That the advisory commission members for 2019 be appointed as follows: Linda Barbondy for the WL Slo-Pitch League, Brian Hansen for the WL Soccer Associations, Nick Surette for WL Minor Fastball, and Bruce Newberry and Pierre Mayette for the Esler Community Association.”

By Consensus

8. Field Maintenance Agreements Renewal:

Item deferred.

Action item: CRD staff will contact Williams Lake Minor Fastball to discuss renewal of agreements, funding allocations, and other pertinent items.

Action item: Slo-Pitch and Soccer will discuss possibility of one contractor conducting field maintenance at the complex.

9. Other Business:

Danger trees were discussed. Telus removed many of the danger trees in their Right of Way in 2018 and fire centre crews cut and cleaned the debris. More danger tree removal may be needed in 2020.

Action item: CRD staff will contract Interior Roads Ltd to request grading and dust control on the complex entrance road.

10. Next Meeting:

A meeting will be scheduled when funding for the new Esler access road is approved.

6:15 pm Meeting adjourned