

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor and Town Council

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Subject: Recreation Services Framework (RSF)

The purpose of this report is to present the Recreation Services Framework (RSF), which establishes long-term direction for the planning, delivery, and sustainability of recreation services in Riverview.

BACKGROUND

The RSF was developed to respond to evolving community needs, aging infrastructure, shifting participation patterns, and increasing financial and operational pressures.

The framework is informed by:

- Assessment of community inputs
- demographic and population analysis
- assessment of facilities, services, and assets
- review of regional context and recreation trends

Recreation is positioned within the RSF as essential community infrastructure that supports health, social connection, and overall quality of life.

Overview of the Framework

The RSF provides a coordinated approach to aligning infrastructure, programs, and partnerships. It shifts recreation planning from a collection of services to an integrated system.

The framework establishes five strategic directions:

1. Plan and sustain a connected recreation system
2. Deliver inclusive, accessible, and life-stage responsive recreation
3. Expand flexible and everyday recreation opportunities
4. Strengthen partnerships and evolve service delivery
5. Strengthen financial sustainability and organizational capacity

The Riverview Recreation Complex will function as the primary indoor hub within this system, supported by neighbourhood parks, trails, and community spaces.

Key Highlights

- Strong demand for flexible, low-barrier, and close-to-home recreation
- Increasing need to address accessibility, affordability, and awareness barriers
- Aging infrastructure requiring targeted renewal and lifecycle planning

- High level of community-led activity, including over 100 events annually
- Need to align service levels with financial and staffing capacity

The RSF identifies opportunities to expand community-led delivery, improve system coordination, and focus municipal resources on high-impact services.

Implementation Approach

Implementation will occur through a phased approach aligned with annual budgeting, capital planning, and operational work plans.

Initial priorities include:

- completion and activation of the Recreation Complex
- service delivery adjustments and expanded flexible programming
- implementation of a fee and subsidy framework
- strengthening partnerships and community-led delivery
- advancing priority infrastructure and asset planning initiatives

The framework is designed to be adaptable and will be monitored and updated as conditions change.

The Recreation Services Framework provides a clear and practical roadmap for evolving Riverview's recreation system. It supports a connected, inclusive, and sustainable approach that aligns services, infrastructure, and resources with community needs.

Endorsement of the RSF will guide future decision-making and position the Town to respond effectively to growth, changing participation patterns, and long-term infrastructure and service demands.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal: N/A

Financial: The RSF does not commit the Town to specific capital projects or expenditures. The RSF provides strategic direction to guide future capital and operating decisions. Implementation will be aligned with annual budgets, asset management planning, and available funding, with associated staff and resource implications over time.

Policy: The RSF aligns with and supports existing municipal plans and policies, including the Municipal Plan, Asset Management Plan, Climate and Sustainability initiatives, and other strategic planning frameworks.

Stakeholders: Residents, community organizations, user groups, Town departments, regional partners, and other stakeholders involved in recreation service delivery and facility use.

Strategic Plan: Building a Sustainable Community – The RSF supports long-term sustainability by aligning recreation infrastructure, services, and partnerships with community needs, while ensuring responsible investment and operational viability.

Communication Plan: The RSF will be shared through the Town’s website and communication channels. It will also guide future communication, engagement, and awareness efforts related to recreation services, programs, and infrastructure.

Recommendation of Staff – That Council receive the Recreation Services Framework (RSF) for information and endorse the strategic direction outlined to guide recreation planning, service delivery, and infrastructure investment over planning horizon.