

Community Services Briefing to

Executive Committee

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Council Community Fund Update: Sandstone MacEwan Community Association

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of this report is to share outcomes of the Sandstone MacEwan Community Association for the redevelopment of the outdoor rink in their community and detail the expenditure of the Council Community Fund.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

On 2024, February 27, Council approved the Council Community Fund application for the Sandstone MacEwan Community Association's Outdoor Rink Redevelopment Project as a one time funding request in the amount of \$300,000. Council also directed Administration to report back to the Executive Committee within 12 months of project completion. The briefing aligns with the Council Community Fund Terms of Reference outlined in Attachment 1.

The Sandstone MacEwan Community Association successfully completed the Outdoor Rink Redevelopment Project on time and within budget. Construction began in 2024 July, and the certificate of substantial completion was issued in October 2024. The project was completed at a total cost of \$928,580. Remaining costs beyond the Council Community Fund contribution, were covered by the Community Facility Enhancement Program, Calgary Foundation grants, Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis casino funds, and donations.

The outdoor rink re-opened in January 2025. Since redevelopment, it has become a well-utilized, multi-use, free space for residents of Sandstone Valley and MacEwan Glen, and neighbouring communities. Utilization and rentals have increased compared to previous years.

The project's success is attributed to the dedication and hard work of a group of volunteers who demonstrated perseverance, commitment and passion for their community. Their efforts, combined with overwhelming community support, achieved the main goal of bringing people together and enabling outdoor sports. The Sandstone MacEwan Community Association volunteer board is proud to provide this outdoor facility for continued community use. Supporting documentation on the project's success and details are outlined in Attachment 2.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Community Fund Terms of Reference
2. Sandstone MacEwan Community Association Project Summary

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General Manager Katie Black concurs with the information in this Briefing.