JUNE IS RECREATION & PARKS MONTH

JUNE 2026

WHEREAS, in Alberta, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, recreation and parks enhance quality of life, active living, leisure education, and lifelong learning, helps people live happier and longer, develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth, develops creativity and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles, and enhances overall mental health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, recreation and parks build family unity and social capital, strengthens volunteer and community development, enhances social interaction, creates community pride and vitality, promotes equity, inclusivity, sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity, and fosters a sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, recreation and parks can be used for therapy and rehabilitation of individuals experiencing illness, impairment, and disability; and

WHEREAS, the benefits provided by recreation and parks programs and services reduce healthcare and social service costs, serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability, enhance property values, decrease vandalism, attract new business, increase tourism and curb employee absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, our parks, open spaces and trails ensure ecological sustainability, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

WHEREAS, all levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association has proclaimed that June, which witnesses the greening of Alberta and serves as a significant gateway to family activities, has been designated by the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association as "June is Recreation & Parks Month", to annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived year round from quality recreation and parks resources at the local, regional and provincial levels.

THEREFORE, Members of Okotoks Town Council in recognition of the benefits and values that recreation, parks and leisure services provide, does hereby designate the month of June as June is Recreation & Parks Month.

Signed this 25th day of May 2026.

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