



REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

Meeting: February 10, 2025

Town and WCCHS Partnership – Disc Golf Baskets

DESCRIPTION:

Administration would like to update the 9 Tone Disc Golf Course, to 9 Disc Golf Baskets which is the standard at other courses.

In January administration approached the Willow Creek Composite High School (WCCHS) Welding Shop Teacher to determine if they would be interested in a partnership to provide the 9 Disc Golf Baskets required for the course. Developing this partnership will provide the youth in his program the opportunity to invest in their community. The Welding teacher is enthusiastic about working with the Town to provide the youth with a purposeful project that will be enjoyed by members of the community in the years to come. He is positive that the results will be professional.

Administration sourced the Metal needed for the project, determined there are fence posts in the Town Compound from chain link fencing that can be repurposed for the basket assembly.

The proposed cost is below and significantly less than the Quotes provided by other manufacturers. Materials will be sourced locally and powder coating completed in Fort Macleod for the baskets. Baskets would be mounted 2 feet into the ground using pipe, and a flush mount system so they can be removed if there are events planned in the field.



WCCHS Disc Golf Baskets: \$377.49/ Basket, \$3397.39 total cost

This includes a Labour Honorarium for each basket, and the cost to reimburse the Schools Welding Shop for welding supplies.

Administration has received the following quotes for the upgrades from other providers:

Quote A, 9 Disc Golf Baskets: \$563.65/ Basket, \$5072.81 Total with Freight

Quote B, 9 Disc Golf Baskets: \$827/ Basket, \$7444 Total with Freight

BACKGROUND:

In 2018 the Town of Claresholm was approached by a community member who had a design for a disc golf course in Claresholm. Administration worked to find a spot and assist him with his proposal. The Course was built in 2020. This individual repurposed items for the course, planted over 1000 livestaked trees and bushes, worked with the Town to provide landscape detail with rocks, and applied for grants for the purpose of adding trees to the site.

Administration is eager to see this area further developed with Disc Golf Baskets, trees and bushes, and updated signage. Disc Golf has a tremendous amount of sport tourism, which can be marketable due to our location on Highway 2.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

Administration and the WCCHS Welding Teacher are eager to start this project so installation can be completed this spring. Developing this partnership with the Willow Creek Composite High School should open the doors for future collaboration in other areas for the betterment of the youth and community.

Administration recommends that funds from the existing Parks Material budget be allocated to this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

If Council is in favour of upgrading the disc golf course, administration would like a motion to approve this initiative. If Council is not interested in pursuing this project, then no motion is required.

PROPOSED MOTION:

MOVED by Councillor _____ to approve the Disc golf Course basket upgrade, and the collaboration with the Willow Creek Composite High School.

PREPARED BY: Denise Spencer, Recreation Manager

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: February 7, 2025
