



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: January 12, 2026

DIVING BOARD STAND & FULCRUM REPLACEMENT

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

The Claresholm Aquatic Centre was informed in late 2025 that the current Diving Board stand has serious corrosion that could become a risk when used, and additionally the diving board fulcrum (the adjustable wheel under the board that controls its flex/ or bounce) has a structural crack that would be a risk to users.

Alberta Health Service maintenance department has closed the diving board indefinitely until replacement of the stand can be obtained. They will complete the installation of the stand and fulcrum. AHS determined the existing diving board was structurally sound, and completed repainting on the current diving board, which will extend its life for an estimated 2-5 years. The diving board will not be mounted until a new stand and fulcrum are obtained due to the potential risk to users.

The diving board is a major attraction for youth and adolescents, as well as families who frequent the pool. Learning to dive aids the development of strong swimmers, while providing a safe setting to learn how to manage risks. The presence of a diving board marks where the deep end is, which is helpful for those swimmers who are not confident.

The Claresholm Aquatic Centre provides recreation, lessons and services throughout Southern Alberta which include the MD of Willow Creek, Foothills County, Rockyview, Vulcan County, Cypress County and more.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

Administration has determined that these items would not be a good fit for the CFEP Small Grant, and the Community Foundations Grant intake date is March 15th, which would push back the date of installation even further. With the Hot Tub down for over 6 months, and no diving board, the Claresholm Aquatic Centre has no amenities to attract guests besides the pool.

The cost of the Diving board stand with fulcrum is \$16, 720.50 including freight. Administration is asking Council to use funds from the recreation reserve to pay for this purchase – we are estimating this reserve to be at \$130,000 at 2025 year-end.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to purchase a new diving board stand and fulcrum at a cost of \$16, 720.50 + GST, and that the purchase be funded by the recreation reserve.

ATTACHMENTS:

1.) N/A

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

1.) N/A

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DATE: January 9, 2026
