



# **MEDIA RELEASE DRAFT 2017 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

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The Town of Claresholm would like to thank the citizens for participating in the process that has been undertaken regarding the ***Draft 2017 Parks & Recreation Master Plan***. The Plan is a comprehensive guide to future planning for recreation services throughout the Town of Claresholm, including parks, playgrounds, pathways and recreation facilities.

The draft Plan was reviewed by the Town of Claresholm's Facility and Infrastructure Planning Committee (FIPC) at the meeting held July 18, 2017. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, the Draft Plan was presented to the public for review and input. An online and paper survey has been made available and the deadline for responses to the survey is August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Once the public input session is complete, the survey results will be compiled and presented to the committee for review on **August 24, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.** Anyone wishing to provide further comment on the plan is invited to attend the meeting as a delegation. If you wish to present to the committee, please contact the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Marian Carlson at (403) 625-3381 or via email at [marian@townofclaresholm.com](mailto:marian@townofclaresholm.com).

The committee will consider the feedback and recommendations received from the citizens and amend the plan as deemed appropriate prior to presentation to Council.

Over the next 3 years, the draft Plan incorporates the extension of walking paths, major renovations to the arena, replacement of the skate park, renovation of ball diamonds, establishment of off-lease dog areas and other park upgrades including a proposed outdoor fitness park (a venture brought forward by the Claresholm & District Chamber of Commerce) along with development of a new park complete with playground on the East side of town.

Parks are a very large part of the Town of Claresholm's vision for the future. The Town wants to ensure that parks and open spaces are planned and developed in such a manner as to meet the needs of all residents at different stages of life and abilities that offer passive and active recreation opportunities.

The Town of Claresholm welcomes input from the community on all aspects of the Draft Plan as we develop this important document for the future.

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