



April 7, 2011

To: All Mayors/Reeves and Members of Council

RE: 2011 Confirmed Education Mill Rates

Further to my correspondence of March 24, 2011, this is to advise you the 2011 education mill rates have now been formally confirmed by Order in Council; these are to be levied with respect to every school division and every property class for the 2011 taxation year, as follows:

Agricultural Property	3.91 mills
Residential Property	9.51 mills
Commercial Property	
• assessment of less than \$500,000	12.25 mills
• assessment of more than \$500,000	
○ on the first \$499,999 of assessment	12.25 mills
○ on the assessment between \$500,000 and \$5,999,999	14.75 mills
○ assessment of \$6,000,000 or more	18.55 mills

Municipalities will continue to collect education property taxes and remit them directly to school divisions. As per their constitutional right, separate school divisions may levy education property taxes and collect from members of the minority faith. Their rates may differ from those set by the province, but the rates must be in the same proportion by property class.

Any minority faith board of education wishing to determine its own levy must pass a bylaw. A board of education of a minority faith school division can only make or repeal a bylaw after a general election. In 2009, the year of the general election, all of the minority faith boards of education opted not to levy their own mill rates. The next opportunity for these minority faith boards of education to revisit this decision is after their general election in October 2012.

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If you require additional information, please call the Municipal Affairs Advisory Services Unit at (306) 787-2680.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darryl Hickie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Darryl Hickie
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Municipal Advisory Unit, Municipal Affairs

**White City/Emerald Park Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

Start of Meeting: 7:00 p.m, White City Library

Board Members:		Present:
Rosann Semchuk	Chair	✓
Lana Lafontaine	Vice-Chair	✓
Arlene Janzen	Treasurer	
Nanette Marquart	Secretary	✓

Other Attendees:

Committees: *funded committees		Present:
Playschool*	Nanette Marquart	✓
Ringette*	Karen Ruecker	✓
White City Library*	Melanie Hladun	✓
Dance*	Alana Baht	✓
Drama*	Lana Lafontaine	✓
Soccer (TAYSA)	Dale Schaeffer	✓
Football	Rob Kosteniuk	✓
Zumba Fitness	Kara Lachance	
Town of White City	Shauna Bzdel	✓
RM of Edenwold	Wayne Joyce	

Members at Large:			
Colleen Dumur		Lena Ong-Gross	Antje Nameth
Colleen Gill		Shirley Pfeifer	Kyla Warnecke
Natalie McAmmond		Debbie Morris (Dog School)	Sharon Martin
Linda Beauparlant		Deidre Barnard	

1. Minutes from March meeting:

accepted with one amendment: Parks & Rec partnering with Football to host Riders in the Park is tentative.

2. Playgrounds

Darryle Bulych will be excavating the ground, hopefully to be done by Thursday morning (May 26). Serbu has agreed to provide the pea gravel at a cost to Parks & Rec, although they will level the pea gravel for free. Work will need to start on Thursday so concrete can be poured in the afternoon and on Friday at a much lower cost than on a weekend.

Volunteers are still needed for the Splash Park and Emerald Ridge installations – no volunteers have contacted Arlene yet. Kyla is getting neighbours from her area of town to help with Fernwood Park installation.

ACTION: All make phone calls and/or email contacts the first week of May to request volunteer assistance.

Arlene will be asking the Blue Imp contact what tools should be brought, as well as the time volunteers are needed to start. This information will be relayed to members.

If rain is in the forecast, concrete cannot be poured which will mean a change in installation dates.

These three playgrounds will be the final playgrounds installed for the indefinite future. Fundraising and the Town's allocation of certain monies will most likely be towards a skate/bike park.

3. Riders in the Park

Rob reported that the August game may be a problem as it is at 8:15 – half the game would still be in the light. In terms of volunteers, timing, and weather/season issues, Riders in the Park will not be held this year.

4. Skateboard Park

Shauna Bzdel (Town Manager) recommended we look into other sites besides the SaskWater site. There has still been no confirmed yes or no from SaskWater, but it would be wise to look into other options. One suggestion was near the ball diamonds. How the future overpass will affect location was also brought up. The Town is budgeting \$100k in 2011 towards skate/bike parks in the community.

5. Community Directory

Arlene is selling ads and it is going very well. Natalie has the updates via email as well as the hard copies from the Library and Town. Prior to splitting up the current directory to call for updates, the information provided the last few months will be added to the original database to reduce doubling of efforts.

ACTION: Dale will contact Antje to see if she has original database of directory or if it has been updated/changed.

ACTION: Nanette will email Dale the information for the stuffer he will print for mailboxes.

Dale announced that he would look at paying teams/organizations the \$2400/yr he pays Canada Post to distribute the newsletter in the communities.

6. Newsletter

It was agreed the Town's news should not be edited/reduced – it should be an important aspect of the newsletter. Dale will ensure this happens on a go forward. It was recommended that committees submit writeups reporting what is happening either throughout the year, or at least a 'final' writeup when the season/sport ends.

Western Litho prints 2000 newsletters.

ACTION: Nanette will submit a spotlight on Parks & Rec members writeup.

7. Mobile Playground

The application deadline for Mobile playground is April 15 (\$1000 grant to pay for leader and supplies). The Community Centre is booked for the Monday-Thursday, July 6-9. There is no alternative for July 10 in case of rain. If rain is forecast, Arlene will try to book a room at Aspen Links, if available.

ACTION: Rosann will call Arlene to see if dates can be changed. It was brought up that next year we look at different dates, later in the summer, to run mobile playground.

If Rebecca Bruce is unable to run mobile playground, her sister will take her place as leader. This brings up the question of whether she will have to be trained? Should we open up the job to others and advertise? It is a \$500 wage. Arlene will be asking for parent volunteers as well when people register their children.

Storage of extra supplies left over after mobile playground was discussed. This year, any extra supplies can be put in a plastic tote and stored in the Library's storage room. This should help reduce waste and money.

Concerns over Friday rentals of the Community Centre were brought up. The Town may revisit their guidelines on letting out the Centre on Friday afternoons for a Saturday wedding. If wedding parties were let in even after 4 or 5 pm, this would allow for functions to run in the afternoon.

8. Town Report

The next stage of funding was approved for the detailed design of the new school. Football fields will be at the new school.

A joint-use recreation facility is still in the thought process stage. Another survey will likely be sent out to focus on any new shifts in thought.

If the Town wants or needs Parks & Rec support in any role, please let us know.

9. Grants & Financials

As of December 31, 2010 the Parks and Rec Board had \$50, 443 of unrestricted funds.

10. Committee Reports

Playschool: Pre-registration will begin May 2. We anticipate a full roster again.

Ringette: Wrapped up gold and silver in every division except one (did not have team in that division). Ice time concerns are commonplace. Karen will write something for the newsletter.

Dance: All competitions are in April and May. Mother's Day recital in Regina. Bring-a-friend day in May.

Library: Handbags fundraiser on the 26th was a success. 110 people attended.

Drama: All 4 drama camps are a go. Forms going out to schools next week. The last week will be a teen week (13-16 yrs).

Football (Prairie Minor Football Association): Had first association meeting. Have 4 teams, majority (approx. 2/3) kids are from WC/EP. Fields are an issue – currently using Wheatland Estates, but it has no irrigation. Could Hummingbird fit as a practice field? The goal of the assoc. is to field a game.

ACTION: Rob and Mike will write a formal letter (co-signed by Parks & Rec) to Terry Kuz of White City School requesting use of the interior of the track as a football field. The hope is that Terry Kuz will bring this formal request to PVSD for further consideration.

Zumba:

**Next meeting – Tuesday, May 3, 2011 – 7:00 pm
Town of White City Library**