



## **PARKLAND BIG LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Request for Lease of Municipal Reserve  
Application for Facility Development – Playground

### **Request for Lease of Municipal Reserve**

Parkland Big Lake Area Community Association (PBLACA) requests lease of municipal reserve for the development of recreational amenities for the neighbourhoods in their area, starting with a playground.

Location: **Reserve Lot 211, Lakeshore Estates, SE - 23 - 53 -26 - 4**  
**3.55 acres**  
Roll # 301139

- Attachment 1. Letter of Request
- Attachment 2 Map indicating lease area
- Attachment 3 Draft Lease Agreement

### **Application for Facility Development – Playground**

With this application, PBLACA requests authorization to proceed with the process for development of a playground on Municipal Reserve 211, Lakeshore Estates, SE -23 -53-26-4.

PBLACA has been working with Parks, Recreation and Culture, Parkland County for several years to identify available municipal reserve, ascertain community needs and priorities, source funding, identify equipment with high play value, select suppliers and prepare documentation for various applications.

#### **Demonstrated need for the playground:**

Our association includes Lakeshore Estates, Helenslea communities, Southern Properties, Country Squire Estates, Countryside Ravines Country Estates, Park Lane

Estates. There are over 400 homes in this growing community nestled at the north east corner of Parkland County.

In 2009, when PBLACA was first formed, it did a needs assessment survey to initiate a strategic plan for the community. The result indicated that a playground was the top priority, as there are no nearby playgrounds for our children.

The nearest playground is over 6 km away and requires crossing the Yellowhead highway. Parkland Village also has a playground but it is 14 kms away from our area.

### **Proof of Group Viability**

Since its incorporation in 2008, PBLACA has maintained a full Board, conducted a community needs assessment from which it developed and implemented a Strategic Plan. Community awareness of PBLACA has increased through events, community activities, civic advocacy and fundraising projects. A community billboard is ready for spring installation and the web and Facebook pages are active.

A focus of PBLACA's effort has been the development of the playground proposal and fundraising. To date over \$38,000 has been raised within our community for the playground. Parkland County committed \$100,000.

Presentations have been made to Acheson Business Association, a local Open House was held, small fund raising projects are ongoing and grant applications have been submitted to Community Facility Enhancement Program and Northlands, Nexen, TransAlta, TransCanada, ATCO Gas, Farm Credit Canada, Alberta Blue Cross, Syncrude and Imperial Oil.

### **Project Financial Information**

The playground project budget is \$286,000 for all aspects of the development. Current committed funding is \$138,000 with an additional \$208,000 applied for through grants.

### **Maintenance Plan for Reserve land and Playground**

The playground equipment has a lifetime warrantee with some components ranging from 3-25 years. Annual contribution to a replacement budget will be built into put into PBLACA's financial planning process, amount based upon a manufacturer's suggested schedule.

The playground envelope is about 8600 sq. ft. and will have an engineered wood (Fibar) surfacing which has a warrantee of 25 years. An annual replenishment budget will be determined based on supplier recommendations. The Parkland County Operating grant for amenities will supplement budgeted amounts.

Currently the reserve land is being mowed by Parkland County. PBLACA will undertake a mowing program, the extent, frequency and costing have yet to be determined.

## **Availability of the Reserve and Playground**

The reserve lands and playground will be available year-round all day, as they are now.

## **Other Information**

Upon receipt of full funding, PBLACA will advise Parkland County of timelines for development, make application for development and building permits and arrange meetings to fully discuss process, criteria, standards, etc for successful execution of this project.

## **PARKLAND BIG LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **Our Vision:**

*To enhance the lives of the residents of Parkland Big Lake Area by fostering a sense of community.*

### **Our Mission Statement:**

*To provide a broadly-based, community forum that collectively supports all residents of Parkland Big Lake Area in establishing a friendly, safe, attractive neighbourhood of which its citizens can be proud.*

*Encourage a safe and active neighbourhood by providing programs, services and recreational venues that promote family and community.*

*Act as an advocate by representing the needs and interests of the community's members.*