



## Legislation Text

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Entwistle Pool and Community Hub - Updated Preliminary Design and Costing

### **Proposed Motion**

That Council approve up to \$100,000 from Restricted Surplus - Recreation Facilities to proceed with an updated preliminary design and costing for the Entwistle Pool and Community Hub.

### **Administration Recommendation**

Administration supports the motion as presented.

### **Purpose**

Administration is seeking Council's approval for funding to proceed with an updated preliminary design and costing for the proposed Entwistle Pool and Community Hub based on the attached Program Plan.

### **Summary**

Over the past five years, three studies have been done to provide recommendations on the Entwistle Pool. The Entwistle and Evansburg Recreation and Parks Facilities Strategic Plan (2013) recommended that the County proceed with the development of an outdoor pool replacement program. Council directed Administration to proceed with a feasibility study to verify the aquatic needs of Entwistle and area which completed in 2015. The Entwistle Pool Feasibility Study (July 2015) recommended that if Council determined an outdoor pool in Entwistle is a priority that Parkland County replace rather than upgrade the existing facility. The cost of upgrading were estimated at 54% of the cost of new construction, which, industry standards would typically indicate that new construction is the most cost efficient option long-term.

Upon review of the 2015 study, Council directed Administration to explore the potential of an indoor aquatic facility and multi-purpose hub to replace the existing facility. The Entwistle Community Hub/Aquatic Facility - Site Programming, Functional Plan and Costing report (September 2016) was completed. It was determined that an indoor pool was not feasible given the significantly higher capital and operating costs and lower than required population density that would be required to support such an initiative.

Administration has reviewed both the July 2015 and September 2016 documents and is recommending a hybrid approach consisting of an outdoor pool combined with a more substantial multi-purpose hub. The intention is to meet the program needs identified through the public engagement processes along with the demographic and service delivery trends, balanced with Council's identified priorities and County Administration operational requirements.

The reason this is being brought forward for Council's consideration outside of budget is to expedite the process. If approved by Council, the updated design and costing could take place in the final quarter of 2017. The updated design and costing would then be brought back to Council in early 2018 for consideration and decision.

### **Strategic Plan/Policy/Legal/Staff Implications:**

**Complete Communities**

1.1 We offer a range of lifestyle choices, community services and other amenities to meet community needs.

1.2 We are a region of connected communities through infrastructure, recreation facilities, trails and technology

**Financial Impact:**

Cost: \$100,000

Source of Funding: Restricted Surplus - Recreation Facilities

**Other:**