



**TITLE:** Midtown Community Club – Expression of Interest

**DATE:** April 1, 2026

**TO:** Executive Committee

**PUBLIC:** X

**INCAMERA:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department be authorized to proceed with an Expression of Interest to formalize options for the Midtown Community Club.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Midtown Community Club is one of nine Community Clubs in the City of Prince Albert. Located at **540 9th Street East**, the Community Club hosts the following amenities:

• **Outdoor Rinks**

- A large rink for shinny and skating
- A pleasure ice surface
- A beginner ice surface

• **Multi-Purpose Hall with Kitchen & Servery**

- Maximum capacity of 300 people

• **Basketball Court**

• **Tennis/Pickleball Courts**

- Two regulation tennis courts with adjustable nets for pickleball

• **Midtown Community Club Spray & Play Park**

• **Summer Playground Program**

The Midtown Community Club has benefited from dedicated volunteer leadership for over 45 years. Eldon Bell served as President for 30 years, followed by his son Greg Bell, who served for the past 14 years. Their long-standing commitment to the Club and the broader community is sincerely recognized and appreciated.

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On November 24, 2025, Greg Bell and the Executive Committee resigned from their roles as operators of the Club. The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department has taken over operations on an interim basis, with the intention of identifying a new operator through an Expression of Interest process.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Midtown Community Club has been fortunate to have consistent volunteers for 45 years. In November 2025, the Community Clubs Executive resigned. The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department has taken over operations.

- All keys were provided to the City of Prince Albert.
- Midtown Community Club Executive cancelled their mailbox and co-op card.
- Midtown Community Club Executive closed their Bank Account and transferred \$32,000 over to the City of Prince Albert.
- Parks, Recreation & Culture Department installed an alarm system on the Hall, setup Maintenance checks and Garbage/Recycle services.
- Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is collaborating with the single Tenant of the Facility, CUPE Local 4195 who has leased office space.

**PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:**

With the resignation of the Executive Committee, the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department believes that proceeding through an Expression of Interest process will provide an open, transparent, and fair opportunity for interested organizations and user groups to formally present proposals outlining their capacity, governance structure, and long-term commitment to the operation and sustainability of the facility.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

Formal proposals submitted through the Expression of Interest process will be reviewed by the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department in consultation with the City's Purchasing & Procurement Division. An opportunity will be offered to any local organizations or user groups to present their proposal to members of Council and answer any specific questions related to their commitment at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting. This process has proven to be successful when previously considering the future of other City owned and operated facilities.

Proposals will be evaluated using established criteria consistent with the City's procurement policies and governance framework to ensure a fair, transparent, and accountable process.

**COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:**

The Expression of Interest will be publicly advertised and promoted in partnership with the City's Communications Division. The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department will also work with the Purchasing Manager to notify any interested parties directly of the opportunity to submit a proposal through the process.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no direct financial implications associated with initiating the Expression of Interest process.

Following the closure of the Midtown Community Club bank account, approximately \$32,000 was transferred to the City of Prince Albert. The funds have been transferred to the Community Services Building Reserve to support future capital and facility-related needs at the Midtown Community Club Facility.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no policy, privacy, legal, safety or environmental implications.

**OPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION:**

There are no options to the Recommendation.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The consideration of the future governance and operation of the Midtown Community Club aligns with the Promoting a Progressive Community Strategic Priority of the City's Strategic Plan. Continued cross-departmental planning and consultation will support the long-term sustainability and effective operation of the facility.

**OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:**

The review of the Midtown Community Club aligns with Section 9.2 of the Official Community Plan. This section is related to the City's Parks and Recreation Facilities. As the City grows and evolves, the need to assess and evaluate our recreation infrastructure is necessary to prioritize our existing facilities to meet the demands of the public.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

**PRESENTATION:**

Verbal Presentation by Jody Boulet, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Expression of Interest – Midtown Community Club

**Written by:** Curtis Olsen – Sport & Recreation Manager

**Approved by:** Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture and City Manager