

Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council
Annual Report 2021



"Favourite Things"
Edition

Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council Board of Directors (our favourite people)



Executive

President	Avalie Peck Sand & Gravel Representative
Vice-President	Dollard O'Connor Drayton Valley Horse Club
Treasurer	Tammie Stafford Pembina Nordic Ski Club
Secretary	Tammy Orban Assoc. of Adjacent Land Owners

Directors

Blair Trueman	Brazeau ATV Club
Leonard Claffey	Brazeau Bowbenders Archery Club
Katherine Ens	Drayton Valley Paddling Club
Dave Swindlehurst	Drayton Valley Rotary Club
Dustin Euchner	Evergreen Shooting Club
Wayne Stec	West Central River Boat Assoc.
Caroline Crell	Alberta Environment & Parks
Kara Westerlund	Brazeau County
Tom McGee	Town of Drayton Valley
Ryan Fynn	Drayton Valley Hospitality & Tourism Authority

Parks Council reflects the Community through:

Operating Partners

Special Interest Members

Government Members

For more information about the Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council events, partner clubs and programs check our website or call 780-898-5234

www.epbrparkscouncil.org

MISSION & VISION

Mission

To enhance and protect the Eagle Point Provincial Park and the Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area, to work collaboratively with our partners to implement innovative park planning, funding, and management for the benefit and public enjoyment of current and future generations.

Vision

A sustainable balance of diverse recreational opportunities and environmental protection for all to enjoy in the Eagle Point Provincial Park and Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area.

"Favourite Things"

"Rain drops on roses, and whiskers on kittens, bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens..." The classic lyrics from the "Sound of Music-My Favourite Things" was our inspiration for the Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council 2021 Annual Report. As the Covid-19 Pandemic lingered into 2021, we needed to focus on our "favourite things" to keep from losing our marbles! Everyone knows that 2020 and 2021 were challenging, however through focusing on bright spots, being creative, and persevering when situations were discouraging we continued to provide opportunities for people to gather (safely) as community, recharge, and refresh in nature.

This document will reveal highlights from our 2021 story. Sharing our favourite things about our two beautiful parks (photos and places), our dynamic programming and our creative experiences. It will hopefully provide inspiration for readers to explore and find some favourite things to make their hearts smile, here in our own backyard!

Cheers!

Sandra Bannard
Executive Director

Avalie Peck
Board Chairperson



Favorite Photo:

**Sandra Bannard,
Executive
Director**

"This photo taken by EPBRPC Nature Interpreter, Erin Klatt, makes me smile every time I see it! The kids look so happy after a great day of hands on learning and fun."



Eagle Point- Blue Rapids Parks Council

BRAZEAU
BOWBENDERS
ARCHERY
CLUB

PARTNER CLUBS

WEST CENTRAL RIVER
BOAT ASSOCIATION

BRAZEAU
ATV
CLUB

PEMBINA
NORDIC CLUB

EVERGREEN
SHOOTING
CLUB

DRAYTON
VALLEY
HORSE CLUB

DRAYTON
VALLEY
PADDLING
CLUB

ROTARY CLUB
DRAYTON
VALLEY

Member clubs are foundational partners in the Parks System. Volunteers from these clubs host events, maintain, enhance, and develop recreational facilities that can be enjoyed by residents and visitors. Some of the volunteers also serve as directors and alternates on the EPBR Parks Council Board.

The Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Council members are very familiar with the Parks and all of their assets. We asked them to tell us about their **Favourite Things regarding the Parks or their Recreation Clubs...**

Brazeau ATV Club

"My favourite thing about our club is the growth and sense of community over the last year, it's been incredible"

-Blair Trueman

Brazeau Bowbenders Archery Club

"My favourite things are a couple of hidden fishing holes on the North Saskatchewan River that you can only walk to and the scenery getting to those locations"

-Leonard Claffey

Drayton Valley Rotary Club

"My favourite thing is to go cross country skiing on the north trails at the Pembina Nordic Club, it is terrific"

-Dave Swindlehurst

Drayton Valley Paddling Club

"My favourite thing about the park is being connected with the Paddle Club. They are a group of friendly, caring people who work together to make outdoor activity on the water accessible and safe for all who want to join in"

-Elaine Tambouline

Evergreen Shooting Club

"My favourite thing is that we have such a nice place to enjoy fresh air and beautiful scenery with others"

-Dustin Euchner

West Central River Boat Association

"My favourite thing to do is go upstream on the river until I lose cell phone reception"

-Wayne Stec

Drayton Valley Horse Club

"My favourite thing is to ride the horse trails along the Pembina and North Saskatchewan Rivers"

-Dollard O'Connor

Pembina Nordic Ski Club

"My favourite thing about our club is how diverse and committed our membership is"

-Tammie Stafford



Club Volunteer Hours

Club Labour Hours= **6,092** Equipment Hours= **766**

Value to the community in dollars= **\$167,800**

Environmental & Outdoor Education Programs

Meet Miss Raquel Lara... ♡



Raquel Lara is a grade seven teacher at H.W. Pickup School in Drayton Valley. She has taught since 2008 and is a self-professed "nature nerd." We asked about her Favourite Things regarding the EPBRPC Education Programs...

What value does the EPBRPC Environmental and Outdoor Education Program bring to your students?

Learning in nature is one of the greatest experiences a student can have. Not only has EPBRPC provided multiple opportunities for students to learn outdoors, they also provide amazing programs and hands on experiences that stay with students for the rest of their lives. The teaching staff at EPBRPC are phenomenal, partnered with the beautiful ecosystem of the parks, provides students a fantastic learning experience.

What value does the EPBRPC Environmental and Outdoor Education Program bring to you as a teacher?

Looking back, I tear up thinking of the positive impact EPBRPC had on my students' "pandemic learning" experience. I am so thankful! Their willingness to adapt to provincial health mandates and their flexibility to adapt programs to our school yard provided a glimpse of normalcy during a very unpredictable time. Sponsors and donors to this program provide a learning opportunity to students that my science budget could not afford.

What is your "favourite thing" about the Environmental and Outdoor Education Program?

My favourite thing is seeing the joy on my students' faces as they learn in nature. I also very much appreciate the connection that has developed with Kathy and Erin over the years, I love working with them!

Environmental & Outdoor Education Programs

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Environmental & Outdoor Education 2021

Wonders of
Wetlands



Treelympics



Outdoor
Survival



Outdoor &
Environmental
Education
2629

children & youth
participated in our
in-person programs

Action for
Energy



Furs, Skulls &
Antlers



99 Youtube
video views

Fur Trade
Experience



**166 Nature
News
Subscribers**

Outdoor
Leadership



Nature
Journals



378
Geocache
Visits

Nature
Crafts



We delivered
programs in **6**
communities

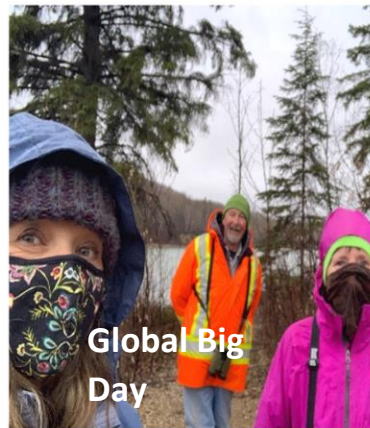
Predator-
Prey



Community Events 2021



Fire & Ice Festival



Global Big Day



Eagle Point Amazing Race



Parks Day



DV 100 Mini-Metre



Pumpkin Walk



2,187 people enjoyed EPBRPC Community Events in 2021

EPBPRPC Staff "Favourites"



Favourite Photo: Erin Klatt, Nature Interpreter

"This photo was sent in from a family that participated in the Summer 2021 edition of the Eagle Point Amazing Race. It is my favorite because it showcases EPBR it is about getting kids outside – having them think creatively and ultimately, tiring them out (ha-ha)"



Favourite Photo: Kathy Schwengler, Education & Outreach Coordinator

"I love this photo!"

This little girl was so excited to show me the spider that she bravely captured. I believe this photo demonstrates the things we always want to achieve with our participants. Her face says it all - she feels happy, safe and totally immersed in nature, making special memories of her day!"

Favourite Photo: Bev Broks, Finance & Accounting Director

"This picture of the Pumpkin Walk entrance gate showed we could still have fun as a community, despite pandemic restrictions. It was a great outdoor activity that brought some joy when people needed a lift."



Parks Council Projects

Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council



Strategic Plan
2021-2026

In 2021 the Parks Council developed and approved a Five Year Strategic Plan to provide goals and direction for the operations of the organization.

To review the Strategic Plan, visit our website at <https://www.epbrparkscouncil.org/strategic-plan-2021-26/>



Capital Projects—Parks Council made progress on two significant capital projects in 2021 through funding from Alberta Environment and Parks

- **OHV Trail Improvements** in Blue Rapids-completion spring 2022
- **Equestrian Staging Area and Trails** in Blue Rapids-completion spring 2023

Community Support

It is always great to have friends! We are delighted that many organizations, businesses and groups share common interests and values with us. These friends have been financial donors and supporters who have helped us to do our work in the community.

Financial Donors

Alberta Environment & Parks
 Brazeau County
 Carlson Roberts Seely
 Dennis McGinn Holdings
 Drayton Redi-Mix
 Drayton Sand & Gravel
 Drayton Valley Community Foundation
 Drayton Valley Family Community Support Services
 Drayton Valley Rotary Club
 Edmonton Community Foundation
 Gen 7 Environmental Services
 Intercon Messaging Inc.
 Koerr Inc.
 Pembina Pipeline
 Servus Credit Union
 Stetson Motors
 Town of Drayton Valley

Supporters

AIM for Success
 All Choice Rentals
 Brazeau County
 Carlson Roberts Seely
 Drayton Valley Bakery
 Drayton Valley Community Foundation
 Drayton Valley Ford
 Drayton Valley IGA
 Drayton Valley Municipal Library
 Drayton Valley Rotary Club
 Elevated Experience Camping
 McMan Youth, Family & Community Services
 Pembina Pipeline
 Pembina Nordic Club
 Secure Energy
 Town of Drayton Valley
 Weyerhaeuser
 Willey West Campground

Financial Data

Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council Statement of Revenues & Expenditures Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Total 2021	Total 2020
Revenues		
Grant Revenue	\$247,026	\$405,984
Cash Donations	5,045	3,080
Service Revenue	3,819	2,788
Event Revenue	6,278	933
Sponsorships	3,900	900
Reimbursed Supplies	780	443
	\$266,848	\$414,118
Expenses		
Sub-Contracts	75,126	64,864
Core Contractors	85,783	61,816
Salaries and Wages	44,908	51,209
Supplies	43,130	26,650
Office	10,764	13,429
Advertising and Promotion	5,444	4,409
GST Expense	4,990	4,092
Professional fees	3,500	3,500
Insurance	3,741	2,734
Telephone	2,936	2,551
Utilities	2,098	2,380
Travel	1,213	1,062
Interest and bank charges	593	138
Repairs and maintenance	1,190	-
Training	505	-
Amortization	4,185	7,109
	\$290,106	\$246,202
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	(23,258)	167,916
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Income	1,751	1,890
Government assistance	22,124	27,816
Total	\$ 617	\$197,622

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Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Total 2021	Total 2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$455,586	\$431,479
Accounts receivable	900	917
Government receivable	-	10,668
Goods and services tax recoverable	4,869	4,145
Prepaid expenses	75	
	\$461,430	\$447,209
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$34,473	\$21,110
Employee deductions payable	987	984
Deferred income	309	20,071
CEBA Loan	60,000	40,000
	\$95,769	\$82,165
NET ASSETS		
Reserve Fund	50,000	20,000
Net assets	315,661	345,044
	365,661	365,044
Total	\$461,430	\$447,209

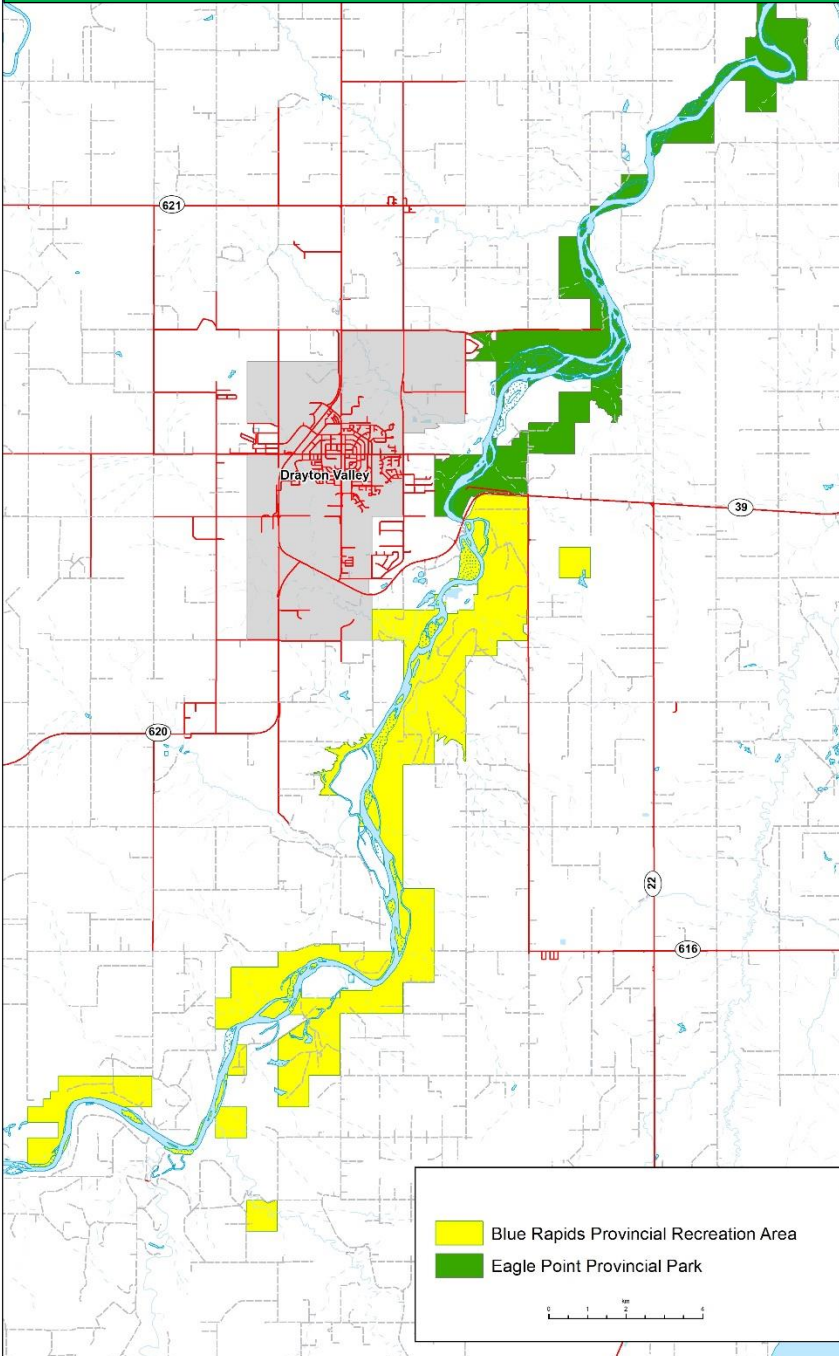
Complete financial statements available at www.epbrparkscouncil.org

Financial statements prepared by Carlson Roberts Seely LLP

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**“Sometimes in life, to keep from losing your marbles,
it’s best to focus on your favourite things!”**

Check us out at www.epbrparks council.org



Established in 2007, the Eagle Point Provincial Park and Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area, together referred to as the Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Park System, are located in central Alberta just east of the Town of Drayton Valley. Together they protect the natural and cultural landscape features of a 53 km stretch of the North Saskatchewan River Valley.



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BLUE RAPIDS**
parks council