

# **Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Annual Report 2022**

*Find Your Wild*





# 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.



**"No, we don't need more sleep. It's our souls that are tired, not our bodies.**

**We need nature. We need magic.**

**We need adventure.**

**We need freedom. We need truth.**

**We need stillness. We don't need more sleep, we need to wake up and live."**

**-Brooke Hampton**





The theme of our 2022 Annual Report, **“Find Your Wild”** was inspired by an enthusiastic conversation the Parks Council staff had with educators at a community consultation meeting in early 2022. Our discussion centered on helping students regain their curiosity and spark for learning following the Covid 19 pandemic. Students heavily relied on technology for education, socialization, and entertainment through the pandemic. Teachers observed that technology was a mixed blessing in that it left some youth feeling physically isolated, socially withdrawn with a lack of tangible connection to the local environment. One teacher remarked that students needed to be re-awakened and to “find their wild.” Our eyes opened wide! This is what we do best!

In retrospect, the pandemic left most everybody needing to be recharged or re-awakened. We all enjoy the smell of fresh air, hearing the flow of a river or seeing the emergence of spring. We believe everyone has an intrinsic connection to the natural world, and that developing or enhancing a connection to nature teaches us about ourselves, our community, and what feeds our spark for learning and life. Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council has impressive partner organizations, programs, and events to help introduce you, or ease your way back to a connection with nature. We challenge you to “Find Your Wild” and to go into nature and our community and to live your best life, right here!

Sandra Bannard  
Executive Director

Avalie Peck  
Parks Council Chairperson

**“Find  
Your  
Wild”**







### Brazeau ATV Club

- If family riding thrills you, then the Brazeau ATV Club is your connection to some outdoor fun!
- ATV enthusiasts will enjoy being part of the club with our 75 km of trails.



### Brazeau Bowbenders Archery Club

- The club provides both an indoor and outdoor shooting range for archery hobbyists and competition shooters alike.
- All ages are welcome to participate, with basic fundamentals of archery being taught to new members.



### Drayton Valley Horse Club

- The Drayton Valley Horse Club offers an amazing trail system (nearly 80 km) along the Pembina River west of Drayton Valley.
- A new family friendly trail system, with limited camping is located in the Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area, located east of Violet Grove. Opening Summer 2023.



### Drayton Valley Paddling Club

- The club promotes recreational paddling for all ages and skill levels, whether you are novice, expert, or splashing somewhere in between.
- Annually, the club hosts numerous paddling trips at lakes and rivers located near Drayton Valley.



### Drayton Valley Rotary Club

- The Drayton Valley Rotary Club is a community service group that is a strong supporter of the Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council, providing both volunteers and financial resources.
- The club meets every Thursday at noon, and is always looking for members excited to be involved in community initiatives.



### Evergreen Shooting Club

- The club range is located in Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation area and has recently sustained damage by wildfires but will be rebuilding over the next few months.
- Memberships are required to access the shooting range. Check the Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council website for range updates at [www.epbrparksCouncil.org](http://www.epbrparksCouncil.org)



### Pembina Nordic Ski Club

- The Pembina Nordic Ski Club has evolved into a year round facility, boasting hiking, mountain biking, disc golf, and snowshoeing.
- Skiing at the facility is second to none, with over 20 km of expertly groomed trails. Need an event space? Check out the Rotary Pembina Nordic Outdoor Education Centre.



### West Central River Boat Association

- The West Central River Boat Association is a non-profit organization that promotes boating safety for families, while working to ensure the interests of recreational boating enthusiasts are protected, and the environment in which they recreate is properly managed.
- The North Saskatchewan River offers a tremendous adventure for jet boat fans.



# Operating Partners, Facilities and Trails

**Trail visits  
in 2022**



**22,011**

The **Recreational Clubs** listed provide facilities, trails, volunteers, and investment into our Park System.

For information on joining any of the **Recreational Clubs** please go to our website at

[www.epbrparkscouncil.org](http://www.epbrparkscouncil.org)

## **Breakdown of trail visits in 2022:**

(Recorded trail counter data)

<b>Hilltop Trail</b>	<b>1,690</b>
<b>Hillside Trail</b>	<b>679</b>
<b>Pembina Nordic Ski/Hike</b>	<b>6,632</b>
<b>Pembina Nordic Bike Trails</b>	<b>1,464</b>
<b>Rotary Pembina Nordic Community Trails South (Cemetery Trail)</b>	<b>11,546</b>



# Environmental & Outdoor Education



**4050** Youth participated in Environmental & Outdoor Education Programs in 2022

**142** Program Sessions

**2** Staff

Programing in  
**13** Schools

Services offered in  
**10**  
Communities

**27** Course  
Selections







We inspire youth, to  
be awakened to the  
beauty and wonder of  
our natural world, by  
becoming familiar  
with the animals,  
plants, people, and  
assets that surround  
them.





# EPBRPC Community Events



## Community Events 2022

### Attendance

Amazing Race Winter	40
Fire & Ice Festival	543
Earth Day	100
Grey Owl Snowshoe	25
Hillside Snowshoe	23
Global Big Day	14
Eagle Trail Triple	8
Canada Day Scavenger Hunt	48
Summer Camp	23
Amazing Race Summer	50
Mushroom Foray	25
Pumpkin Walk	1,450
Women's Wellness Retreat	10
Critter Christmas Tree	300



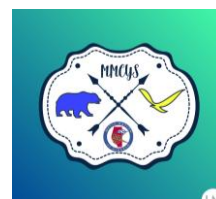
Community Event  
Participation Total

2,659





# Sponsors and Supporters





# Financial Data

## Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council Statement of Revenues & Expenditures Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Total 2022	Total 2021	
<b>Revenues</b>			
Grant Revenue	\$205,300	\$247,026	
Cash Donations	5,045	3,080	
Service Revenue	3,532	3,819	
Event Revenue	9,260	6,278	
Sponsorships	21,224	3,900	
Reimbursed Supplies	318	780	
	<b>\$241,055</b>	<b>\$266,848</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Sub-Contracts	51,716	75,126	
Core Contractors	110,947	85,783	Salaries and Wages
70,555	44,908		
Supplies	29,632	43,130	
Office	22,165	10,764	
Advertising and Promotion	2,919	5,444	
GST Expense	4,202	4,990	
Professional fees	4,000	3,500	
Insurance	3,528	3,741	
Telephone	2,386	2,936	
Utilities	2,440	2,098	
Travel	1,764	1,213	
Interest and bank charges	386	594	
Repairs and maintenance	250	1,190	
Training	137	505	
Amortization	2,019	4,185	
	<b>\$309,046</b>	<b>\$290,107</b>	
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS</b>			
	<b>(67,991)</b>	<b>(23,259)</b>	
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Interest Income	7,655	1,751	
Government assistance	20,000	22,124	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (40,366)</b>	<b>\$ 616</b>	



**Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2022**

	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$382,090	\$455,586
Accounts receivable	-	900
Government receivable	-	10,668
Goods and services tax recoverable	4,029	4,869
Prepaid expenses	-	75
	<b>\$386,119</b>	<b>\$461,430</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$19,291	\$34,473
Employee deductions payable	1,398	987
Deferred income	105	309
CEBA Loan	40,000	60,000
	<b>\$60,794</b>	<b>\$35,769</b>
NET ASSETS		
Reserve Fund	75,000	50,000
Net assets	250,325	315,661
	<b>325,325</b>	<b>365,661</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$386,119</b>	<b>\$461,430</b>

Complete financial statements available at [www.epbrparkscouncil.org](http://www.epbrparkscouncil.org)

Financial statements prepared by Carlson Roberts Seely LLP



# Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council

## Board of Directors

### Executive

President	Avalie Peck Sand & Gravel Representative
Vice-President	Dollard O'Connor Drayton Valley Horse Club
Treasurer	Leonard Claffey Brazeau Bowbenders Archery Club
Secretary	Tammy Orban Assoc. of Adjacent Landowners

### Directors

Blair Trueman	Brazeau ATV Club
Danielle Titanich	Drayton Valley Paddling Club
Dave Swindlehurst	Drayton Valley Rotary Club
Dustin Euchner	Evergreen Shooting Club
Wayne Stec	West Central River Boat Assoc.
Curtis Buchan	Pembina Nordic Club
Kayla Campbell	Alberta Environment & Parks
Kara Westerlund	Brazeau County
Monika Sherrifs	Town of Drayton Valley
Ryan Fynn	Drayton Valley Hospitality & Tourism Authority
Bill Birnie	Oil and Gas Representative

**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](http://www.epbrparkscouncil.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 in central Alberta just east of the Town of Drayton Valley. Together they protect the natural and cultural landscape features a 53 km stretch of the North Saskatchewan River Valley.



**EAGLE POINT  
BLUE RAPIDS**  
parks council