



REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: April 17, 2023

TITLE: Outstanding Achievement Presentation - Spruce Grove Panthers High School Football Team

DIVISION: Community & Protective Services

SUMMARY:

In keeping with Policy 6,014 Outstanding Achievement, this presentation will recognize the efforts of members of the Spruce Grove Panthers High School Football team that won a gold medal at a provincial level at the Alberta School Athletics Association Alberta Bowl (ASAA) - Larry Wilson Tier 1 Championship Series held in Calgary, Alberta on November 26, 2022.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion is not required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The Outstanding Achievement Recognition Policy was developed to bring municipal recognition to Spruce Grove individuals, teams, groups, and organizations who have accomplished outstanding achievements in the fields of athletics, fine arts, academics, and cultural services at a provincial, national, or international level.

The Spruce Grove Panthers High School Football team had a solid year advancing out of Edmonton Metro league play into the Larry Wilson Regional Tier I Championship series. In the North Semi-final, Spruce Grove cruised to a 67 - 0 win over the Fort McMurray Saints. The following week in the Northern final, they faced a tougher opponent in the Bev Facey Falcons from Sherwood Park. After a tight fought first half, the Panthers shut the door and their offense got on track advancing the Panthers to a birth in the Tier I Larry Wilson Championship game in Calgary with a strong 36 - 6 win over the Falcons.

Last team with the ball wins. At least that's what it seemed in the Larry Wilson Tier 1 Championship Game at the 2022 ASAA Alberta Bowl. Both Spruce Grove and the All Saints Legends put on a show at Hellard Field with the Legends either leading or tied for the lead all game until the final 4 minutes. At that point, trailing by a touchdown, Spruce Grove's Team Alberta U18 QB Josh Page scored a touchdown, and then scored a two point convert to get the lead. Both teams suffered crucial turnovers in the last four minutes of the game including a fumble by the Panthers at the Legends' one yard line with 40 seconds left to give All Saints one last chance.

FINAL SCORE:

Spruce Grove Panthers 38

All Saints Legends 37

Congratulations is extended to these athletes on their amazing accomplishment and dedication to their sport.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

n/a

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

n/a

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

n/a

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a