




## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>2018 Community Association Grant Allocations</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	<p>1. That Council ratify the Calahoo Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Extraction Committee motion to award the 2018 Grants in the amount of \$160,673 to the community groups identified in the attached summary and committee minutes of March 26, 2018.</p> <p>2. That Council ratify the Community Services Advisory Board motion to award the 2018 Grants in the amount of \$137,465 to the community groups identified in the attached summary and committee minutes of March 12, 2018.</p> <p>3. That Council approve an additional award in the amount of \$24,577.59 from the Sturgeon Industrial Community Fund Reserve to ensure all the priority capital projects can be funded.</p>
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration recommends approval of the Council Committee recommendations. These recommendations were debated extensively and unanimously supported by both Council Committees during their respective meetings in March 2018.
<b>Previous Council Direction</b>	December 2017 – Motion 506/17 That Council approve the 2018 Operating and Capital Budget as amended.
<b>Report</b>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Association Grant policy was last reviewed and updated in 2016.</li> <li>• The Committees reviewed each application against the eligibility criteria and merit of the application.</li> <li>• The funding decisions are not easy given the fact that each year we receive requests that exceed the funds available.</li> <li>• The recommendations being made are reflective of our key principles of accountability, diversity of opportunities and volunteerism.</li> <li>• The application deadline was Friday, February 16, 2018. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 32 organizations submitted applications which is the same as 2017.</li> <li>○ Total requests equaled \$415,114.66 and the total funding available was \$298,138.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5 non-recognized groups applied; 1 group was deemed ineligible and none of the 5 groups received funding.</li> <li>• In relation to the third proposed motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ During 2014 and 2015 operating budget deliberations, two consecutive operating service enhancements were approved (OP11 in 2014 and OP05 in 2015) for \$100,000 in each year to provide more sufficient funding and equal access to grant funds for community associations across the jurisdiction.</li> <li>○ In 2016 (\$22,500), 2017 (\$33,250) and again in 2018 (\$24,578), we made a conscious decision to respond to need versus arbitrarily increase the budget amount and deplete the reserve.</li> <li>○ The additional \$24,578 will ensure that the highest priority projects can be funded in support of the volunteer efforts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been no external communication regarding the grant program other than the application deadlines.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Committees Bylaw 1381/16</li> <li>• Community Association Grant Policy</li> <li>• Bylaw 1078/06 – Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw</li> </ul>
<b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p><b>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership</b> – Citizens are engaged (through Committees) as active participants in municipal governance, representing the broader community.</p> <p><b>Community Identity &amp; Spirit</b> – This Community Association Grant Program is a demonstration of the County’s commitment to actively support and work in collaboration with voluntary organizations in the region.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>There is no impact organizationally. The grant program and deliberations at the committee level is core work and anticipated annually in the workplans of affected staff.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>No financial impact. The grant funding is approved as part of the annual operating budget. There are sufficient funds in the reserve to cover the recommended expenditure and the projects are consistent with the purpose of the reserve.</p>
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	<p>The recommendations were deliberated by Council Committees. There are no alternatives that Administration considered out of respect for the effort and commitment of the Committees and their mandates.</p>

<b>Implications of Alternatives</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is important to support meaningful involvement of Council's Committees. The committees have been delegated the authority through bylaw to review the grant applications and make their recommendations to Council.</li> </ul> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration is supported by Council Committees, and there needs to be a level of trust and respect for their commitment and their contributions.</li> </ul> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no financial impacts.</li> </ul>
<b>Follow up Action</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue cheques to the community associations (Community Services, April 2018).</li> </ol>
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CONFIDENTIAL (s. 24 FOIP)- Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Extraction Advisory Committee Grant recommendations</li> <li>CONFIDENTIAL (s. 24 FOIP)- Community Services Advisory Board Grant recommendations</li> <li>Community Association Grant Policy</li> </ol>
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<div data-bbox="532 1003 719 1098"></div> <p>Susan Berry, Manager Community Services</p> <div data-bbox="532 1171 1060 1255"></div> <p>Shane Hogan, Acting General Manager, Municipal Services</p> <div data-bbox="532 1329 816 1413"></div> <p>Bill Minnes, County Commissioner-CAO</p>

## Strategic Alignment Checklist

**Vision:** Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

**Mission:** Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
<b>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership</b>			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Respect the Natural Environment</b>			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure effective environmental risk management</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Identity &amp; Spirit</b>			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Planned Growth and Prosperity</b>			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities</b>			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streamlines operational processes and policies</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>