

Agenda Item: D.4

## **Request for Decision**

Title Alberta Community Partnership Grant (Intermunicipal Collaboration)
St. Albert-Sturgeon County Recreation Intermunicipal Collaboration
Framework

## **Proposed Motion**

That Council support the City of St. Albert's *Alberta Community Partnership* program grant application for \$50,000 for the purpose of completing a Recreation Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between the two municipalities.

## Administrative Recommendation

Administration recommends that County Council support the City of St. Albert's *Alberta Community Partnership* program grant application in the amount of \$50,000 for the development of a Recreation Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between the two municipalities.

# Previous Council Direction

None.

#### Report

#### **Background Information**

- At the June 27, 2018 Intermunicipal Affairs Committee (IAC) Meeting, the IAC approved the City of St. Albert-Sturgeon County Recreation Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Project Charter and assigned the work to an ICF Task Force comprised of three Council members from each municipality.
- Since that time, Administrations have worked together to develop a Terms of Reference for the Task Force, and a revised Project Charter with new timelines, indicative of the Task Force being established.
- Administrations have collaborated to share pertinent Recreation Master Plans, Plans and Policies with one another, and have also worked to understand one another's definition of "recreation." However, the two municipalities have lacked the internal capacity to complete an Environmental Scan, necessary for this project to be undertaken, as had been previously planned.
- The Terms of Reference and revised Project Charter are scheduled to be brought forward for approval at the next IAC Meeting on October 31, 2018.
- In order to help complete this initiative, the Alberta Community
   Partnership program has been identified as an opportunity to leverage provincial resources to hire a third-party consultant to complete an

Environmental Scan and work with the ICF Task Force to develop recommendations for IAC and Council's consideration, regarding an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

- The deadline to apply to the program is November 1, 2018, and a
   Council motion is required from each municipality. St. Albert endorsed
   the submission of a grant application for \$50,000 to the Alberta
   Community Partnership program for the purposes of completing a
   Recreation ICF with Sturgeon County of October 15, 2018.
- Should the grant application be approved, the City of St. Albert would be the managing partner and would look to issue an Invitation to Tender shortly.
- A municipality may be the managing partner for only one *Alberta Community Partnership* grant at a time, as it relates to ICFs.
- If the grant application is rejected, then a less robust process would be pursued to still ensure the ICF is completed by the April 2020 legislative deadline.

## Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Section 708.27, *Municipal Government Act*, Intermunicipal Collaboration.
- Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Regulation.
- Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Workbook 2018.
- St. Albert/Sturgeon County Intermunicipal Affairs Committee Bylaw.
- Existing policies and intermunicipal agreements.

## Implication of Administrative Recommendation

#### **Strategic Alignment:**

 Strong Local and Regional Governance – Although mandated, collaboration on intermunicipal issues and opportunities helps to foster improved communication and cooperation between municipalities.

#### Organizational:

• Completion of this project would be possible / more manageable with the support of a third-party consultant.

#### Financial:

• A successful grant application will minimize the cost to both municipalities to complete the current state assessment.

## Alternatives Considered

1. Council may choose not to support the grant application.

#### Strategic Alignment:

No implications currently in the above alternative.

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## Organizational / Financial:

 If Council chooses not to support the grant application, it would be deemed incomplete. Other resources would be required to complete the project – either in-house (limited capacity) or through County funds.

#### **Follow up Action**

1. Advise St. Albert of the County's decision regarding the grant application (Community and Regional Planning, October 2018).

## Attachment(s)

- 1. Alberta Community Partnership 2018/19 Application (Attachment 1)
- Project Charter City of St. Albert & Sturgeon County Recreation ICF (Attachment 2)
- 3. Terms of Reference St. Albert / Sturgeon County ICF Task Force (Attachment 3)

## **Report Reviewed**

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## **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
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 36)		×	
<ul> <li>Supports a strong thriving business environment to strengthen our economic foundation</li> </ul>		×	
<ul> <li>Plans for responsible growth through the MDP and regional growth plan.</li> </ul>		$\boxtimes$	
<ul> <li>Manages growth for current and future developments through:         <ul> <li>transparent bylaws, policies and processes to enable responsible land development</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		×	
<ul> <li>targeting growth around existing and identified future growth areas</li> </ul>		$\boxtimes$	
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
We are committed to a safe and viable community, where our residents are			
provided with access to opportunities and quality of life.		$\boxtimes$	
(Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)			
<ul> <li>Provides access to programs and services that have a positive impact on residents' quality of life</li> </ul>		×	
<ul> <li>Provides access to safe and reliable infrastructure assets</li> </ul>		$\boxtimes$	
Supports the safety of people and property		$\boxtimes$	
Strong Local and Regional Governance			
We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)	×		×
<ul> <li>Provides effective leadership and management consistent with Strategic Plan, MDP, master plans, bylaws, policies, community engagement</li> </ul>			×
<ul> <li>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$
Fosters collaborative intergovernmental partnerships			$\boxtimes$
Community Identity & Spirit			
We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)		$\boxtimes$	
<ul> <li>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</li> </ul>		$\boxtimes$	
Support and/or collaborate with voluntary organizations in the region		$\boxtimes$	
Environmental Stewardship			
We foster a healthy environment and minimize our impact on ecosystems. (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)		$\boxtimes$	
<ul> <li>Plans and partnerships that minimize environmental impact on natural areas</li> </ul>		×	
Provides awareness of environmental issues impacting the County		$\boxtimes$	

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