



## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>Community Association Grant Allocations</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	<p>1. That Council ratify the Calahoo-Villeneuve Gravel Extraction Committee motion to award the 2017 Community Enhancement grants in the amount of \$137,942.49 to the community groups identified in the committee minutes of March 27, 2017.</p> <p>2. That Council ratify the Community Services Advisory Board motion to award the 2017 Community Association Grant dollars in the amount of \$152,465.65 to the community groups identified in the committee minutes of March 13, 2017.</p> <p>3. That Council approve an additional award in the amount of \$33,250 from the Sturgeon Industrial Community Fund Reserve to fund the grant requests for two high priority projects: Alcomdale Playground and Sturgeon Agriplex Kitchen.</p>
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration recommends approval of the Council Committee recommendations. These recommendations were unanimously supported by both Council Committees during their respective meetings in March 2017.
<b>Previous Council Direction</b>	December 13, 2016 - Motion 455/16: That Council approve the 2017 Operating and Capital Budget as presented in the 2017 Budget Document.
<b>Report</b>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Committees went through a process in awarding the grant dollars that was truly reflective of our key principles of volunteerism and strategic funding.</li><li>• There was debate over community priorities and greatest impact to residents. These decisions were not easy.</li><li>• The application deadline was February 17, 2017.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 32 Community Organizations submitted applications.</li></ul></li><li>• Total requests under the grant program equaled \$442,810.65 and the funding available was \$290,408.14.</li><li>• Priority groups for this year were those operating facilities in Sturgeon County and priority funding was in support of the growing costs of operating these facilities. Non-recognized groups who did apply did not receive funding.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 96% of the operating requests were funding to a level of \$122,683.24.</li></ul></li></ul>

- 62% of the capital requests were funded to a level of \$184,974.25.
- In response to proposed motion #1 Committee deliberations included:
  - The amount of money available annually has fluctuated modestly over the past six years and down 10% since 2016. Funding peaked in 2007 and again in 2010 and then has been trending downward since.
  - The two seniors groups' operating contributions were reduced this year in part due to their unique relationship with building owners.
  - The priority capital project for the region was deemed to be the West Sturgeon Aging in Place call system.
- Additional information to support proposed motion #2:
  - Operating costs for recognized community associations were addressed as a priority.
  - Additional information is being requested to support the Morinville Rotary Club application, and the attached summary currently includes an unallocated amount of \$4,200 which will be granted subject to review of the additional information.
- In relation to the proposed motion #3:
  - During 2014 and 2015 operating budget deliberations two consecutive operating service enhancements were approved (OP11 in 2014 & 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.
  - In 2016 and again in 2017 we made a conscious decision to respond to need versus arbitrarily increase the budget amount and deplete the reserve.
  - The additional \$33,250 will ensure that the two highest priority projects can be funded to amount requested in support of the volunteer efforts. Total capital requests were \$125,469.84 with \$63,851 available. If funding was granted exclusively to Alcomdale and Sturgeon Agriplex there would be no funding for any other organizations. Based on the merit of the applications received the Board is recommending total contribution to capital projects in the amount of \$97,101.
  - The Sturgeon Industrial Community Fund Reserve is intended to finance capital projects and community improvements that will provide the maximum benefit to residents resulting in positive public relations for sand and gravel operators.
  - \$0.0155 of the \$0.25/tonne gravel levy contributions from SIL Industrial are contributed to the reserve annually and current balance is \$403,082.

#### External Communication

- There has been no external communication regarding the grant program other than the application deadlines.

	<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>
<p><b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b></p>	<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>No material impact, the annual grant program is anticipated and planned work to support the community.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>Contributions from taxes were approved during the annual budget process.</p> <p>Gravel Levy rate is \$0.25 per tonne calculated based on reported shipments from operators which varies annually.</p> <p>An additional \$33,250 is being requested as a transfer from Sturgeon Industrial Community Fund Reserve to support the additional capital projects.</p>
<p><b>Alternatives Considered</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Implications of Alternatives</b></p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is important to support meaningful involvement of Councils 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>• No financial implications.</li> </ul>

<b>Follow up Action</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Issue Press Release (Community Services, April 2016).</li><li>2. Issue cheques to the Community Associations (Community Services, April 2016).</li></ol>
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Calahoo Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Extraction Committee Grant recommendations.</li><li>2. Community Services Advisory Board Grant recommendations.</li><li>3. Community Association Grant Policy.</li></ol>
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	 <p>Susan Berry, Manager, Community Services.</p>  <p>Ian McKay, P.Eng., GM Municipal Services</p>  <p>Rick Wojtkiw, Acting 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><i>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans,, policies</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</i></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><i>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ensure effective environmental risk management</i></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><i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</i></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><i>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</i></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><i>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</i></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><i>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Streamlines operational processes and policies</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>