



AGENDA ITEM

Lacombe Regional Airport – 2019 Capital Program

August 8, 2019

BACKGROUND

At its regular meeting on February 14, 2019, Lacombe County Council approved funding for the proposed improvements at the Lacombe Regional Airport as outlined in the organization's Multi-Year Capital Plan, and in particular the projects for 2019.

The 2019 program included two projects: relocating the West Fence and the completion of paving of the East Taxiway. Based on the current funding formula of 25/50/25 (Lacombe Flying Club, City of Lacombe and Lacombe County), the County's contribution for 2019 was \$8,400.

The City has provided an update to the East Taxiway paving project. An inspection of the taxiway revealed that the taxiway was paved without any road base. As a result, the City is proposing to add a 225 mm granular base and a 150 mm sub grade base. This additional work will increase the project budget from \$14,700 to \$40,000.

The City has prepared a grant application detailing the change.

ANALYSIS

The West Gate relocation project remains unchanged and is budgeted for \$18,900 and was previously identified in last year's 10-year capital plan by the Flying Club. The County's share would be \$4,725.

The completion of paving of the East Taxiway was originally identified for 2027 but has been moved up in this current plan. The County's share would increase from \$3,675 to \$10,000. The County's total contribution for 2019 would be \$14,725.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council can deny the request for funding.
2. Council can approve the request (Administration recommendation).
3. Council can direct Administration on how it wishes to proceed.



BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The County's 2019 budget had included the initial \$8,400 contribution. An additional \$23,600 had been included in the budget for contribution to the airport capital reserve for future capital.

To fund the additional cost, Administration is proposing to reduce the contribution to reserves for 2019 by \$6,325.

There would be no other impact on the financial position of the County of 2019.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of the municipality are: 1) to provide good government, 2) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality, and 3) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.
2. Section 180(1) of the MGA states that Council may act only resolution or bylaw.
3. Section 248(1)(a) of the Municipal Government Act states that a municipality may only make an expenditure that is included in an operating budget, interim operating budget or capital budget unless otherwise authorized by Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The following elements of the County's Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Our Vision: "An attractive, balanced and progressive community".

Our Mission: "Building a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and the development of healthy relationships".

Key Principles: 1) "Fair and Objective in our decisions and in how we treat individuals", and 2) "Accountability for our decisions and for our actions".

Core Strategy - Service Delivery: "Provide appropriate service levels to our citizens and maintain effective cooperation and collaboration with neighbouring urban and rural municipalities."



Key Success Measures: “Healthy relationships with neighbouring municipalities, communities and our citizens and current services are maintainable and provide benefits for the future, while minimizing negative impacts on the community”

RECOMMENDATION

That Council pass the following resolution:

That Lacombe County approve the additional funding request of \$6,325 for the east taxiway paving and the west fence relocation capital projects at the Lacombe Regional Airport and that funding of this additional contribution be deducted from the 2019 contribution to the Airport Capital Reserve.

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