



AGENDA ITEM

Lacombe Regional Airport – Recommendations

November 7, 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.

In August 2019 Council approved additional funding in the amount of 6,325 for the East Taxiway Paving Project. The taxiway required a 225 mm granular base and a 150 mm sub grade base, which increased the project budget

The Lacombe Regional Airport Committee held a meeting on October 18, 2019. As a result of that meeting, three recommendations came forth for the approval of the City of Lacombe, Lacombe County and the Lacombe Flying Club.

As per the terms of reference for the Lacombe Airport Committee, the purpose of the Committee is to ensure the continued successful operation of the Lacombe Airport by providing recommendations to the City, the County and the Flying Club on major decisions related to the operation, management and funding of the Airport.

ANALYSIS

The following recommendations were approved at the Committee's October 18, 2019 meeting:

1. that an open cut inspection of the runway be completed to verify its existing structure (asphalt and gravel depth) at an estimated cost of \$500 to \$1,000, and further, that the information from the subject inspection be used to assist in the engineering and design of the pavement rehabilitation work;
2. that a Community Airport Program (CAP) Grant application for the 50 mm mill and pave runway rehabilitation option at an estimated cost of \$ 665,000 (including 15% contingency) be submitted; and



3. that a seal coat rehabilitation of the runway be completed in 2020 at an approximate cost of \$52,725, should the Community Airport Program (CAP) Grant application for 50 mm mill and pave runway rehabilitation project not be successful.

If CAP funding is received, it is based on a 25/75 funding formula, 75% Provincial funding and 25% applicant funding. Based on the current funding formula for the Airport Lacombe County would be responsible for 25% of the 25% funding, which would be in the amount of \$ 41,562.50 (if the full funding of \$ 665,000 is realized). If that funding is not received the County's portion for the seal coat rehabilitation of the runway would be \$ 13,181.25.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council can deny approval of the recommendations.
2. Council can approve the recommendations.
3. Other Action as determined by Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

If CAP funding is received, funding in the amount of \$41,562.50 would be required from the County. If CAP funding is not received, the County's share for the seal coat rehabilitation of the runway would be \$13,181.25.

An allocation for Capital Funding in the amount of \$ 32,000 was provided for in the 2019 budget, less the 2019 expenditures of \$14,725. An addition, \$32,000 will be allocated in the 2020 budget which will leave a balance of \$49,275.

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”

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lacombe County sees the value in engaging and informing the public/stakeholders through a variety of mediums as outlined in the *Policy AD(40): Public Participation Policy*. The appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity is selected on a project-to-project basis. For this item, the following engagement will take place:

- *Inform:* To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the recommendations of the Lacombe Airport Committee.

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